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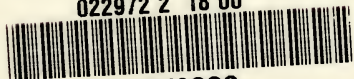
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First Christian Church

Richard L. Hamm, Editor

Volume XLII January 4, 1984 No. 1

WELCOME!

We welcome into the congregation the Chapin family: Michael, Donna, Father, and Missy. We are glad to have you with us.

PRAYER SEMINAR - JANUARY 8 - 7:15 - 8:45 P.M.

On Sunday, January 8, our pastors will offer a one session seminar on prayer. This is one event every member should strive to attend! This seminar will help us all to be more effective prayers and Christians! Guests welcome, too.

PRAYER SERVICE TO BEGIN JANUARY 15, 7:15 P.M.

On Sunday, January 15, we will begin a regular Sunday evening prayer service which will be 7:15 - 8:00 P.M. This will be an opportunity for every member to engage in weekly disciplined prayer. Come and try it!

WE ARE GROWING WORKSHOP"

On Saturday, January 14, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M., all members are invited and urged to participate in an evangelism workshop at First Christian which will be led by the Rev. Richard Roland. This will be a stimulating event that will help create an atmosphere for growth here at First. Please call the church office (744-3239) to register for this event, or register at the table provided in the fellowship hall Sunday. Rev. Roland will also be preaching on Sunday, January 15.

OFFERING OF LETTERS

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Seminar

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at Casa D'Angelo, South
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
6:45 P.M. Starshine
7:30 P.M. Basic Bible Study
7:30 P.M. Martha Group at the church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group at the church
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 A.M. "WE ARE GROWING WORKSHOP"

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER January 10-16

Myrtle DeVinney (10)
Gwynth Rice (10)
Carolyn King (11)
Julie Quinn Cooke (11)
Bev Hudlow (13)
Jeanne Feltenberger (13)
Mark Lehman (13)
James Fick (13)
Rychie Smell (13)
Loretta Ott (14)
John Roush (14)
Mike Mullen (15)
Jeff Young (15)

SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mamie Caldwell in the recent death of her sister, Hilda Fredricks.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tim Sauerwein on being named to the Purdue University Chaplin of the Golden Key honor society!

NEEDED - COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The new schedule for the coffee hour is posted in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up twice during the year. Thanks!

BASIC BIBLE STUDY

The Old Testament prophets and the entire New Testament will be covered in this brief look at the content of the Bible. Classes will be 7 weeks, from January 11 - February 22.

CYF

The CYF will meet at 5:30 P.M. January 8 to begin to plan for Youth Sunday.

CHI RHO (Grades 6,7,8) will resume meeting Sunday evening, January 8.

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

Bob & Esther Clipp, & Vada Tatman.

1984 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you did not receive your 1984 Offering Envelopes in the mail, please contact Diane Johnson at the church (744-3239). Thank you.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

"Evangelism" is a word that strikes fear on the heart of many people. Yet, without evangelism, sharing the good news of God's love and bringing people into the life of the Church, the Church shrinks and would eventually die.

Every Christian is called to do evangelism. But how do we do it? Surely we don't have to preach on street corners and "point the boney finger"? What are some ways we can do evangelism and feel good about it?

Those are the kinds of questions that will be dealt with at our "We Are Growing Workshop". Richard Roland, the leader, is not only President of the N.E.A., he is also pastor of First Christian in Noblesville, IN, one of the fastest growing churches in Indiana. I hope you will personally make the effort to be present for this workshop. It will be an enriching experience, I promise.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

When we were in San Diego recently, Beth and I visited one of California's oldest churches: Mission San Diego de Alcala. The mission was founded in 1769, and the present building originally built in 1776.

The mission had an interesting history. The building was destroyed in 1803 by earthquake, and was restored in 1813. Under Mexican rule in the 1840's, the mission was taken away from the Church and given to private landowners. In 1847, when California came under United States jurisdiction a battalion of the U.S. Cavalry occupied it. Then President Lincoln restored the Mission to the church in 1862, although the buildings were in ruins. Finally, after being restored once again, the building was rededicated in 1931.

I was surprised to find that, today, Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala houses an active Roman Catholic parish.

It behooves us all to take note: No Congregation need be cynical about its work. 200 years may bring a congregation to oblivion, or to resurrection; but churches are not relics. They are to do what they are called to do in their world at any given time. We cannot follow, the tendency to rest on our laurels or pine away for the past. We must always be tending to our "mission" to the world.

Don

SERVING JANUARY 8

8:15 A.M. Laura York and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Franklin-SW, K.
Rogers-NW, J. Briggs, J. Kelly

10:45 A.M. B. Wyant-SW, B. Haines-
NW, G. Falbe-SE, B. Briggs-NE, T.
Briggs, R. Krull, E. Zimmerman,
R. Flickinger

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, T. York, K. Taylor

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Peggy Buskirk

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eric Zimmerman & John Ohneck

ACOLYTES

Eric Krull & Mark Zimmerman

BUS DRIVER

Doug Rogers

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall

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time of printing the Tidings.

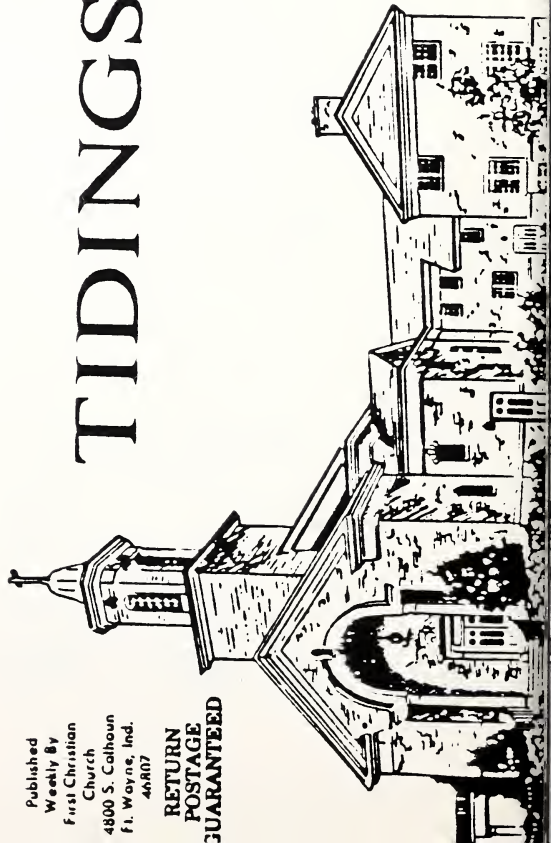
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WE ARE GROWING WORKSHOP" THIS SATURDAY!

This Saturday, January 14, 9:00 A.M. - 3:15 P.M., is our Workshop for all members. Come and learn from a delightful leader, the Rev. Richard Roland. Rev. Roland's church in Noblesville has gone from 450 members to 1180 under his leadership. This will be a most stimulating event that will help create an atmosphere of growth here at First Christian. Call 744-3239 to register. Lunch and babysitting provided for registrants.

PRAYER SERVICE BEGINS THIS SUNDAY - 7:15 - 8:45 P.M.

A Prayer Service each Sunday evening - 7:15 - 8:00 P.M. (sharp) will be instituted this Sunday, January 15. All are welcome of course. Come prepared to encounter God at the deepest levels of the Spirit! Call the church office if you need a babysitter.

OFFERING OF LETTERS

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ELDERS' MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 7:15 - 8:45 P.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 A.M. "WE ARE GROWING
WORKSHOP"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:15 P.M. Elders' Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
6:45 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER January 17-23

Adalee Clifton (17)
Myron Cole (17)
Calvin Jones (17)
Walter Williams (17)
Troy Yeoman (17)
Lee Ann Penny (17)
Phyllis Brickley (18)
Jim Jump (18)
Jack Sauerwein (18)
Robert Finkhousen (19)
Twyla Streeter (19)
Val Taylor (19)
Chip Olson (19)
Peggy Buskirk (20)
Kenneth Flesher (20)
Tim Sauerwein (20)
Mark Snyder (20)
Michael Stone (20)
Daniel Auer (21)
Jim Plummer (21)
Bob Ulrich (22)
Gladys Hoop (23)
Delores Keebortz (23)
Harriett Cole (23)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK REPORT-1983

Number of families served.....
Individuals served.....1,
Number of first time clients....
Number of repeat clients.....
Number of est. meals served..17,
Number of clients over 60.....

THE CHRYSALIS CLASS HAVING PARTY

The Chrysalis Class (the one Dick Hamm teaches) will be having a party at the Mullens, 4330 S Harrison, Saturday, January 21, 7:00 P.M. Bring an appetizer. All members and interested persons are welcome. See you there!

NEW VOLUME IS AVAILABLE

Bruce Lehman's, Thought Patterns Volume 2, is now available. Contact Bruce at 432-3825 if interested. Cost is \$3.00.

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE YOUTH

The Chi Rho youth group will be attending the Chi Rho Day Out sponsored by the Christian Church in Indiana. On Saturday, February 11, we will board the bus at 6:00 A.M. to travel to Indianapolis for a day of music, worship, fellowship, recreation, and study with kids from all over Indiana. The cost is \$6.00 for transportation, lunch, and the program. Plan to be there!

The next regular Chi Rho meeting is January 22. We will be electing officers and finishing our plans for the rest of the year.

CYF

Wear your work clothes, we will be doing a service project this week! On January 22, we will study "peer pressure".

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We had a good refreshing time at my folks home, and found them well. Its good to be back now, as there are some exciting things happening here at First.

Mindy and I and the kids wish to thank the congregation for the many expressions of love and friendship that came our way at Christmas. We're happy to be here! We hope you had a bright holiday season and that the new year holds bright promise for you and yours.

You will note the Food Bank Report for 1983. Hunger is a reality in Fort Wayne, but there is help through faithful people like you who provide food for the needful. The magnitude of the problem can be seen in the fact that we are only one of 24 food banks in town, and we served 1,713 individuals!

Many volunteers have made the pantry go, but Val Taylor has directed it for several years, and as the economic situation has worsened, her work load has increased immensely. We have now divided Val's work into two parts: she will continue to see that the pantry is adequately stocked, and Peg Buskirk is now serving as the coordinator of Volunteers. We owe Val a great debt as she has carried on this important work on our behalf. We are grateful to Peg for "coming to the rescue" on volunteer coordination.

See you Saturday and Sunday!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

There is a psychologist at Brown University who believes a persons name can profoundly affect who that person becomes. He sights as examples a music teacher named Fiddler, a bird watcher named Hawkes, an orthodontist named Smiley and G.A. Martini, who studies the effects of alcohol on the body.

Although our names are given in ways which we cannot choose or control, there are some "names" which we do take upon ourselves. As Christians, we have taken upon ourselves a name which calls us to bear its effects; to be a Christ-ian is to be a follower of Christ. It is a name worth living up to.

Don

THE BASIC BIBLE STUDY will meet again next Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in the conference room. All are invited.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 1-8-84 - Cassandra Conway, 5313 Hoagland;
Kenneth & Deborah Otis, 3125 Thompson Avenue.

SERVING JANUARY 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and
Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hahn-SW, K. Place-
NW, E. Place, E. Snouffer
10:45 A.M. T. York-SW, M. Fink-
housen-NW, K. Flickinger-SE, D.
Rogers-NE, L. Finkhousen, W. John-
son, P. Tobias, L. Johnson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, J. Jones, C. Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Ennis & Gini Brown
10:45 A.M. John & Kris Ohneck

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jim Stucky Family

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Wm. Johnson - E. Klepfer
B. Taylor - B. Briggs
C. Olson - T. Briggs
B. Pauley - Wm. Wyant

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Tim Briggs & Wes Westerfield

ACOLYTES

John Flickinger & Robbie Critell

BUS DRIVER

Bruce Lehman

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bruce Lehman
10:45 A.M. Karen Flickinger

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We are asked to fill a table (8 persons). As one of the four primary supporters of this organization, I think we should have at least 8 representatives.

PRAYER SERVICE - BABYSITTING ADDED

We have had several inquiries about babysitting for our Sunday evening prayer service, so babysitting will be offered beginning this Sunday evening. If you have not yet come to prayer service, come and experience it, 7:15 - 8:00 P.M.

D.M.A. TO BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Don't Mention Age Fellowship (open to all) will meet Tuesday, January 24, noon, for a potluck luncheon and will then go to the new Botanical Gardens downtown. Don't miss it. Bring food, table service, and \$2.00. The Committee for lunch is the Fusselmans and Delmas Young.

ALL COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 7:15 P.M.

SERMON ON JANUARY 22 - "RELIGION OR RELATIONSHIP?"

Scripture: John 3:1-12

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00 P.M. Chrysalis Class Party,
Mike & Pat Mullens,
4330 S. Harrison St.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck & trip
to the Botanical Gardens

7:15 P.M. ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
6:45 P.M. Starshine
7:30 P.M. Basic Bible Study

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER January 24-30

Mimi Westerfield (24)
Marilyn Byers (25)
Dorothy Schmidt (25)
Janet Weicker (25)
Jack Jones (25)
Virginia Dare (26)
Deborah Fishring (26)
Metta Stucky (27)
Doug Olson (27)
Dorothy Green (27)
Florence Hagar (28)
William Kerley (28)
Wade Smith (28)
Doris Richards (29)
Jack Bennett (29)
Betty Farrow (29)
Jaynie Bonahoom (29)
Martha Warner (30)
Natalie Urich (30)

NEEDED: Do you have a small
black & white T.V. in good
operating condition that you
would donate to the church?
Call the church office, please!

NEW VOLUME AVAILABLE - Vol. 3

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3825. Cost is \$3.00.

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again next Wednesday at 7:30
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All are invited.

CYF - This Sunday the CYF is
studying peer pressure. Meet
at 5:30 P.M. On January 26,
we are hosting an Area CYF
Rally. See you Sunday!

CHI RHO will meet this Sunday,
5:30 P.M. We will finalize
the planning we started in the
last meeting, so come and give
us your input!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
1-15-84

Mrs. Barbara Richardson, 1718
Sherman Blvd.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS:

Mon., Jan. 23 - Place & Brown
Wed., Jan. 25 - Bixenman & Schmidt
Fri., Jan. 27 - Taylor & Wells

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a tremendous experience our "We Are Growing" Workshop was Saturday. 35 people were spellbound by Richard Roland's barrage of information and inspiration. This will be a significant lump of leaven in our loaf for a long time to come.

Another great experience is Prayer Service. Ask any of the 35 persons present for it this week! I feel confident this will be a great generator of spiritual power that will enable our growth as Christians and as a congregation. I feel really different this Monday morning (calm, collected, confident, and enthused) for having experienced prayer service last night.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Here's a little parting shot for the holiday passed to me by Barb Hayes:

*"Jiggle bellies, Jiggle bellies, Jiggle all the way!
What you see is what you ate on that Christmas Day. Ugh!
Jiggle bellies, Jiggle bellies, Work those pounds away!
To be fit, you can't just sit and wish that fat away!"*

Physically handicapped persons are a major concern of the National Benevolent Association, the unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that deals with social and health services. Of the some 6,000 older adults in NBA-related residence, nearly 20 per cent require nursing care.



PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SERVING JANUARY 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ennis Brown and
Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and
Chip Olson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, B. Grimm-
NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs
10:45 A.M. W. Westerfield-SW, N.
Lucas-NW, E. Conrad-SE, M. Hamm-
NE, B. Kerley, M. Callahan, M.
Mullen, S. Knuckles

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, B. Haines, T. York

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Sam & Nancy Smith
10:45 A.M. Don & Vee Parlette

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8:15 A.M. Gini Brown
10:45 A.M. Wayne Johnson

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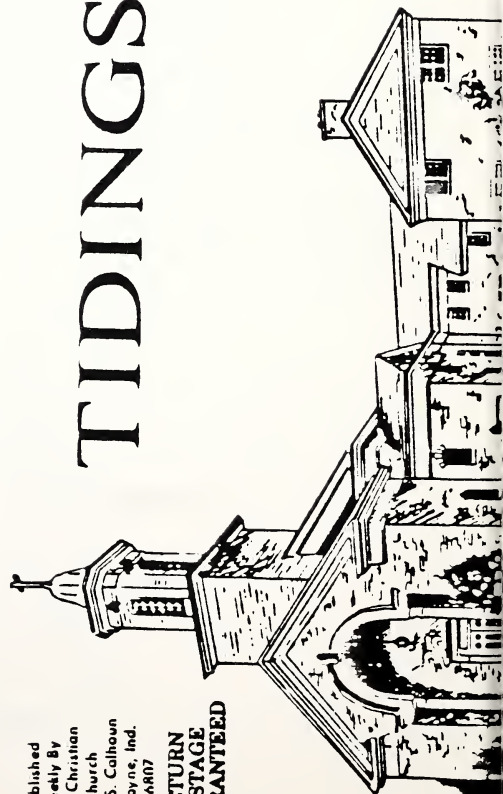
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UNITY SERVICE AT FIRST CHRISTIAN - FEBRUARY 5

On Sunday, February 5, 7:15 P.M., we will host a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service. Twelve churches will participate. Bishop William McManus will be our speaker.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP FOR 1984

There's good news and bad news. The good news is that 47 pledgers increased their giving in 1984 over 1983. The bad news is, we are still approximately \$4,750.00 under budget for 1984. This shortfall will have to be made up by non-pledgers and membership growth. The Board feels we can close the gap during the year and has thus decided to go with the 1984 budget of \$169,738.00 while keeping a close eye on monthly progress.

Thanks to all who made our emphasis a success.....especially Chairwoman, Mildred Hartman. Thanks to each member for your support of the Kingdom through First Christian Church.

The World's Uprooted



14 million refugees

There are 14 million refugees around the world, one-seventh of them in Pakistan, Afghanis who have fled the Soviet Union invasion of their land. Assisting uprooted persons is one of the mission emphases of the Disciples of Christ.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:00 P.M. CYF Area I Rally
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
6:45 P.M. Starshine
7:30 P.M. Basic Bible Study

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER February 1-6

James Sands (1)
Muriel Ann Plitts (2)
Anita Fitch (2)
Eric Mory (2)
Patricia Erdly (3)
Helen Lobdell (4)
Wanda Ingmire (4)
Ruth Ventes (4)
Elizabeth Pattengale (5)
Ruth Ann Bozarth (5)
Emma Jean Phillips (6)
Susan Knuckles (6)
Stan Horine (6)

THOMPSONS TO ISRAEL

Maurice & Avis are headed to Israel April 24. For more information, contact the Thompsons at (219) 356-4241. We have brochures in the office, too.

LETTERS

If you have letters to contribute to the Bread For The World offering, please get them to Dick this week.

AREA I CYF RALLY!

This Week! We are hosting the area CYF assembly here, January 29 at 5:00. Some of you (you know who you are) need to remember to come early to help set up. Everyone needs to bring 50¢ for dinner (cheap!), and come prepared to meet new people and have fun! Questions? Call Eric Zimmerman at 744-5698 or Don Wiltfong at 744-3239 or 745-0792.

CHI RHO TRIP

Middle school people: plan on going to the Chi Rho Day out on February 11. We will meet at the church at 6:00A.M., travel to Indianapolis by bus. Wear casual clothes and your tennies. We will be back home by 8:00 P.M. The cost is \$6.00 for transportation, lunch, and the program. You won't regret going on this one!

BOWLERS NOTE

If you would like to bowl in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Celebrity Day, please call Dick Hamm. You need not be a good bowler, just wanting to support this fine organization.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY PROGRAM

"Families Facing Cancer" is a series of monthly meetings designed to help cancer patients and their loved ones cope. Presentations deal with emotional, financial, and medical aspects of the disease.

Call Dick Hamm for details.

Interested in a Pinochle (or other table game) Club?

It has occurred to the Membership Committee that some do not care to participate in the more active sports, such as softball, bowling, or golf, but would like the fun of playing games with other members and friends of their church family. Perhaps you like both types of recreation.

If interested at all, please fill out the blank below, and return it to the church office or to Miriam Bixenman, Membership Chairwoman.

____ Yes, I am interested in a pinochle club.

____ I do not play pinochle, but would enjoy other table games such as chess, monopoly, uno, etc. Please specify ____.

I prefer meeting mornings____, afternoons____, evenings____.

I prefer (day of week)_____.

Signed: _____

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7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, FI

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LETTERS

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I thought the cold Sunday would keep more of us away - oh me of little faith! It was good to have so many in worship.

Justice was done Sunday. Since no one came forward to do the Children's Sermon, I threw myself into the breach! Upon checking the schedule I found the offending party who had failed to prepare a sermonette.....me!

A letter to the editor appeared in the Journal Gazette from Clergy United for Action. I'm a member of that group but was unable to be present at this month's meeting so did not get to sign it. The letter calls for moderation and patience on the parts of every segment of our community in regard to the Calvin Perry case. If I could have signed it, I would have. A big "Amen" to that letter from me. Let us pray that our community not be divided by fears and suspicions. Let's let the investigators do their work.

Welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Fitch who moved to Fort Wayne this month. Joe is Anita Fitch's brother and a retired Disciple minister - if, in fact, ministers ever really retire!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Feel free to jot down prayer requests for prayer service and for your pastors. Just hand them to me or Don.

PRAYER MEETING SUGGESTIONS

In preparation, you may wish to fast, you may wish to bring a pillow if the pews feel hard to you. Certainly wear comfortable clothing.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-Nut Butter, Jelly, Tuna, Cereal, Crackers.

HAVE YOU HAD CARDIO-VASCULAR SURGERY?

If so, would you be interested in a support group of persons like yourself? It would be an opportunity to discuss feelings, fears, frustrations, etc.

If interested, call Dick Hamm.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

1-22-84

William & Annabel Growcock, 1503 E. Paulding Rd.

SERVING JANUARY 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Bob Pauley

10:45 A.M. Val Taylor and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Kelly-SW, K. Flick-
inger-NW, J. Hahn, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. J. Stucky-SW, J. Oh-
neck-NW, R. Krull-SE, E. Zimmerman-
NE, B. Haines, G. Falbe, E. Place,
T. York

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
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GREETERS

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R. Church - P. Tobias

L. York - S. Knuckles

M. Bixenman - M. Crouse

E. Brown - R. Flickinger

ACOLYTES

Tammy Davis & Jennifer Byers

BUS DRIVER

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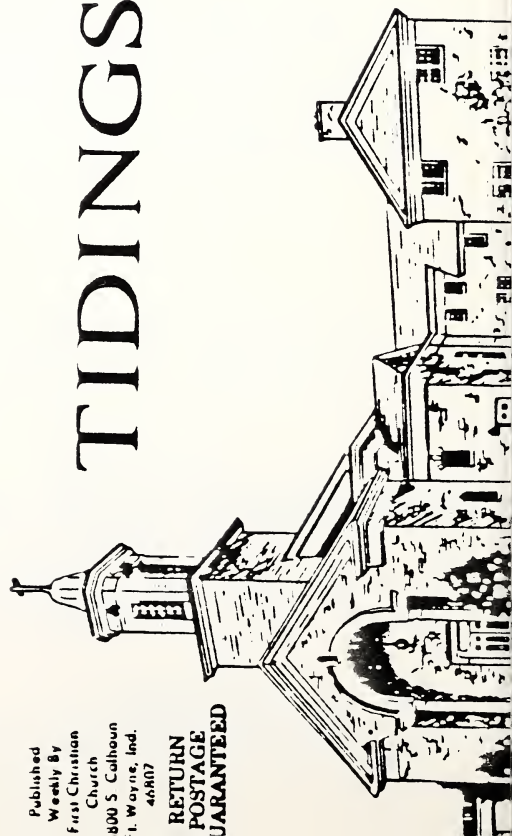
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UNITY SERVICE AT FIRST CHRISTIAN THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, 7:15 P.M., Bishop McManus will be the featured speaker at an ecumenical service celebrating "Our Oneness In the Cross". Twelve churches will participate. Babysitting will be provided. The Lincolnshire Choir will sing.

CHI RHO DAY OUT: FEBRUARY 11

The Chi Rho day out is coming right up! If you have not signed up to go, contact the church office as soon as possible. We will be leaving the church at 6:00 A.M. February 11, and will return by 8:00 that same evening. The cost for transportation, lunch, and the program is \$6.00. Plan to go!

There will be no meeting February 5.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY PROGRAM

"Families Facing Cancer" is a series of monthly meetings designed to help cancer patients and their loved ones cope. Presentations deal with emotional, financial, and medical aspects of the disease. Call Dick Hamm for details.

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If so, would you be interested in a support group of persons like yourself? It would be an opportunity to discuss feelings, fears, frustrations, etc.

If interested, call Dick Hamm.

SERMON ON FEBRUARY 5 - "DOING A 180"

Scripture: Romans 2:4

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, February 7, 1984 at 7:30 P.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:15 P.M. Unity Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
6:45 P.M. Starshine
7:30 P.M. Basic Bible Study
7:30 P.M. Martha Group at Rosemary Krull's, 3466 S. Washington Rd.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:15 A.M. Rachel Group at church
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER FEBRUARY 7-13

Elinor Place (7)
Nita Wilson (7)
Nancy Smith (8)
Betty Harter (9)
Steve White (9)
Sharon Knuckles (9)
Kenneth Place (10)
Marvin Crouse (11)
William DeViney (12)
Christopher McDougale (12)
Virgil Buchanan (13)

BOWLERS NOTE

If you would like to bowl in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Celebrity Day, please call Dick Hamm. You need not be a good bowler, just wanting to support this fine organization.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Homebound Ministry is being extended to include offering sermons, Christian music, and scripture readings on cassette tape. If you have Christian records or tapes or modern translation Old and New Testament records or tapes, we would like to borrow them to make copies. Please call the church office (744-3239) or bring them to the office. Be sure to have your name on all items. We will return them as soon as copies are made.

NEEDED - BINGO PRIZES

Bingo prizes are needed by February 13, 1984 for the recreational program at the Byron Health Center. A deposit box will be available inside the south door for the next two Sunday's.

Suggested items are: gum, hard candy, mints, combs, kleenex (small packages), stationery, stamps, playing cards, deodorants, stuffed toys, ball point pens, pencils, perfume, etc.

All donations will be appreciated.

LETTERS

You may still contribute letters to the Bread For The World offering. Please give them to Dick this week. 63 have been contributed to date.

CYF

There will be no evening meeting this week. We do have the coffee hour after second service, so be there to help set up!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Thanks to Jack Weicker for a splendid job in the pulpit yesterday. Also thanks to Ralph Church and Al Creager for presiding at the Table. Lay Sunday is more than a "tip of the hat" to the laity. It is a recognition that lay people are what really make a church go.....and we are blessed with some real leaders and saints!

Prayer service was well attended last night. I think the word must be getting around. It is a wonderful experience which means more to me each week.

The snow is falling heavily at the moment, as I look out my office window. It has now covered all the muddy, yucky ugliness of the last couple of weeks of traffic. Its beautiful. That's the way God's love is, too. It covers our unsightliness and brings out our best. Whenever it snows, I think of God's love blanketing my life!

I'll be talking about repentance Sunday....that means change.
See you then!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Perspective is very important.

I was not terribly distraught over the five or six inches of snow Fort Wayne woke up to Monday morning. I am familiar with snow's hazards and hassles, but something inside me is fascinated with all the cold white stuff.

That something inside me is the boy who grew up in the warm sun of a more southern latitude, for whom snow was a reality only on rare trips to a nearby mountain range in January. So as I see the seasons roll around the Indiana countryside I am perhaps less disgusted than I ought to be. Sorry, but the boy in me won't let me be!

Many people saw Jesus and heard him teach. Some responded to what he said; others did not understand and turned away. Their perspective influenced them to see in him what they saw: either the promise of God or one more fanatic amongst so many.

Our perspective is influential in our decisions, so it is important to examine not only the facts that come before us but, once in a while, to examine how we look at those facts, and so become more able to grow and more open to God's spirit.

Don

SERVING FEBRUARY 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and
Laura York

10:45 A.M. Al Creager and
Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Conrad-SW, B. Ker-
ley-NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs

10:45 A.M. J. Franklin-SW, K.
Rogers-NW, M. Crouse-SE, L. Fink-
housen-NE, M. Finkhousen, D. Rog-
ers, P. Tobias, T. Briggs

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, S. Creager, J. Jones

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph & Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Pat & Mike Mullen

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Mike Callahan & Bill Wyant

ACOLYTES

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BUS DRIVER

Doug Rogers

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Diane Mory

10:45 A.M. Eric Zimmerman

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PARKVIEW:

101 - Mrs. Helen Reynolds

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Canned Meat, Cereal, P-Nut
Butter, Soup

Among our Visitors in Worship
1-29-84

*Joseph & Phyllis Fitch, 6011
Midwood Drive.*

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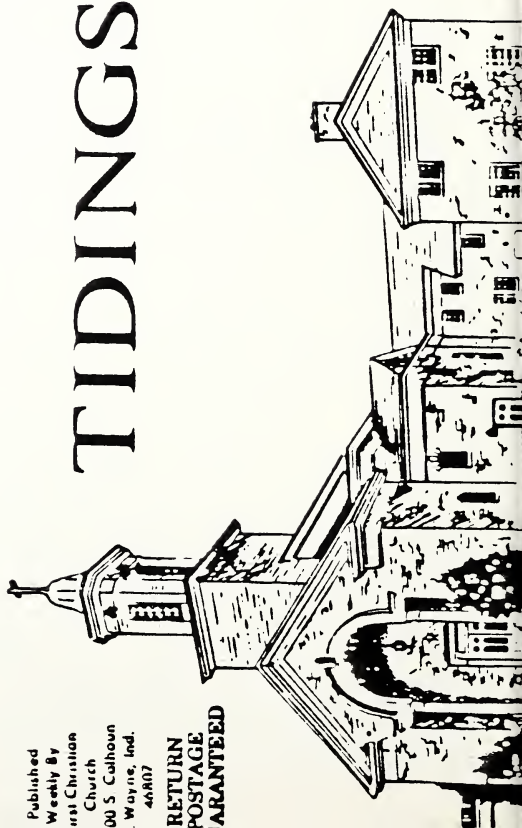
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PILOT PROJECT AT FIRST CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church will be a pilot church in the Christian Church Foundation's "S.O.A.R." program. S.O.A.R. means "Stewardship of Accumulated Resources". Over the course of the next year or so, we will be receiving occasional mailings regarding wills and estate planning and other information. In addition, there will be seminars offered to assist members in financial planning.

Plan to take advantage of these materials and seminars as they reflect the latest in tax laws and opportunities.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

At the request of our pastors, a Pastoral Relations Committee has been formed. Serving are: Dick Vanderwall, Ralph Church, Pat Mullen, Eunice Conrad, Mildred Hutchinson, and Phyllis Tobias. Feel free to share with these persons any concerns you may have about ministry at First Christian Church. Your concerns will be treated with respect and confidentiality.

WEEK OF COMPASSION - FEBRUARY 19 - 26

In many countries of the world, drought has been extreme the last couple of years. In others, flooding.

How are funds used for the Week of Compassion? They are used to send emergency shipments of food; trucks are provided to distribute the food. Roads must be built first.

Wells are dug, reservoirs must be deepened so water can be held when rains come. Shipments of feed and tools are needed. When every grain has been eaten, where will the next crop come from, unless someone provides seed?

It will take miracles to reverse the trend of disaster in many parts of the world.

Multiply a Miracle. Give through The Week of Compassion.

SERMON ON FEBRUARY 12 - "Good Grief"

Scripture - Romans 8:35, 37-39

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:00 A.M. Chi Rho Trip

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at
Casa D'Angelo's

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

6:45 P.M. Starshine

7:15 P.M. Elder Team Meeting

7:30 P.M. Basic Bible Study

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER February 14-20

Arlynn Call (14)

Gene Bozarth (14)

Scott Creager (14)

Merle Grimm (14)

Robert Neal (14)

Gary Overmyer (14)

Tony Evans (14)

Brett Lucas (15)

William Howard (15)

Martha Hunt (16)

Edythe Metcalf (16)

Karen Rogers (16)

Karen Doehrman (16)

Donald Crouse (19)

Romane Cole (20)

Florence Huddleston (20)

Heather Chapin (20)

NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE

The Spring Banquet, originally scheduled for March 14, has been changed to March 21, 6:30 P.M. Please mark your calendar.

PINOCHLE CLUB - EUCRE CLUB

From the response, it looks as if we can have both a Pinochle Club and a Eucre Club. If you have not yet indicated your interest, please contact Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) at once so we can make plans to start both later this month.

CYF

This Sunday we will study "feelings". We also have to take care of some business, especially concerning the retreat coming up in March. Be there at 5:30!

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, February 11, along with the Chi Rho from North Christian and Saturn, we will travel to Indianapolis for Chi Rho Day Out. If you are going, meet at the church at 6:00 A.M. (!), and plan to have someone pick you up around 8:00 P.M. If you would like to go, please call the church office by Thursday.

LETTERS

A total of 78 letters were offered in the recent Bread For The World offering of Letters. Thank you.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 2-5-84

Mrs. Florence Hollenberg,
3614 Trier Rd., Mrs. Rex O.
Fultz, 3143 Thompson, Mr. Oll-
is Purifoy, 1115 Grant Ave, &
Tige Hensch, 1718 Sherman Blvd.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a delight Sunday evening was with 215 Christians of many backgrounds together praising God! Bishop McManus brought a very timely word. I'm proud that First Christian brought this together and look forward to deeper cooperation in the future. Those present included Lutherans, U.C.C., Methodists, Presbyterians, Church of the Brethren, and Catholics. Hope you were here.

Here's a little prose that is dear to my heart from the heart of Dorothy Dean.

"Prayer at Two Degrees Celsius"

Lord,
Here winter's up to our boot tops,
And along comes a seed catalog,
Balm in Gilead to a gardner.
Each page blooms with spring
And temptations.
I admire the roses, breathe their fragrance,
Become greedy, wanting them all.
But
Crowd a garden, and nothing grows sturdy enough
To bear fruit.

My life's like that, Lord.
When I cram too much in,
Everything gets straggly,
A jungle of loose ends.
Help me be selective
So what I do is pleasing in Your sight.

Amen.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. This Sunday's sermon will be useful to anyone who ever has, or ever will, suffer the loss of a loved one - that's about everybody!

SERVING FEBRUARY 12
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and

William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, B. Grimm-
NW, E. Zimmerman, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. W. Johnson-SW, L. John-
son-NW, K. Place-SE, E. Place-NE,
B. Wyant, R. Flickinger, M. Calla-
han, S. Knuckles

USHERS

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J. Myers

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Wes & Mimi Westerfield

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John Flickinger & Robbie Critell

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Bruce Lehman

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Jt. Weicker - V. Brown

V. Taylor - E. Conrad

D. Vanderwall - R. Krull

A. Creager - M. Mullen

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. Erma Vanderwall

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

101 - Mrs. Helen Reynolds

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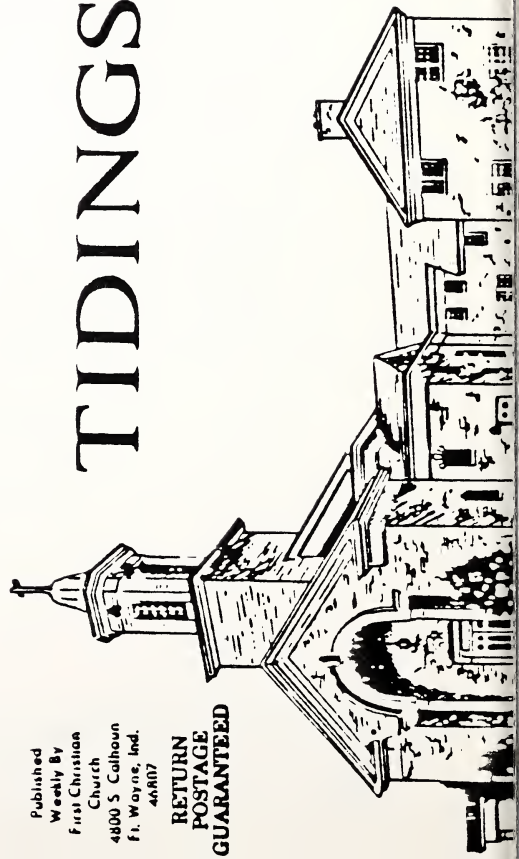
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the quiet crisis

No big headlines, no special news bulletins,
no live action film at 11 o'clock.

The disaster grows more deadly,
day by day, somewhere beyond the drama
of our everyday lives.

There's little to film in a drought or
a flood. Fields turned to dust swirls, huts
submerged in mud.

There's little to tape in a food shortage
that anyone would want to hear or see --
just lives snuffed out in suffering

one precious life at a time.

If you knew that \$12.50 would save a life, would you do your best
to find the dollars? I think so.

The World Health Organization's research and experience says that
an extra \$12.50 per person a year for every person in the developing
world would save millions of lives. Isn't that something! To give
dollars and know that a life will be saved . . . one precious life at a
time.

February 19-26 is "The Week of Compassion" at First Christian. A
time when an extraordinary emphasis is given to the people of crisis in
our world. A special offering will be collected to send away to the
far reaches of the world. Those dollars will save lives.

GIVE TO WEEK OF COMPASSION.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:30 P.M. Sunday School Teacher's
Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
6:45 P.M. Starshine
7:30 P.M. Basic Bible Study

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THANKS

Thanks to Vince Wells for painting the front office. We also have some new office equipment thanks to a gift from the Olson's and an anonymous gift.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Helen Clymore united with us by transfer of membership this Sunday. She lives at 5210 Buell 46807, telephone - 446-0795. Welcome Helen!

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ANNUAL MEETING CHANGED

The dinner meeting originally scheduled for three weeks ago was cancelled for weather. It will now be Monday, February 20, 6:30 P.M., at First Presbyterian Church. We need your reservations now. Call the office, 744-3239.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S MEETING

There will be a Sunday School teacher's meeting Monday evening at 7:30 P.M. for teachers of classes from Nursery to High School age. We will look at our new children's curriculum and how to use it.

THIS WEEK IN CYF

The 26th is Youth Sunday! This is a week to prepare your assigned part in the service.

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP(middle school youth)

Money! We all use and need money to live, but just how important is it to us? We will be looking at this question and more next Sunday night at 5:30.

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Maybe you have read that the body of an average sized person, broken down into its chemical components, is worth somewhere around one or two dollars. A somewhat depressing thought.

But good news! One biologist recently re-evaluated the worth of the human body on the basis of the value of the various marketable substances found in it. He estimated a value of over a million dollars!

What makes the difference in these two estimates? One considered the body in terms of chemical elements, dead and dry. The other considered it as a complex organism, which contains substances often needed in medical procedures to save lives.

However, the question needs to be raised up one more level. We are more than either chemical elements or medically valuable substances. We are whole human beings, chemical and biological, but also intelligent and emotional, thinking and feeling, responding to the world and one another with laughter, with love, with hope. We are chemicals, yes, but chemicals touched by the love of God. That is the Good News!

Don

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 2-12-84

Zac & Ben Mathis; Joe Jarvis,
3642 N. Washington Rd.; Miss
Brenda K. Gibson, 3877N-200 E.,
Huntington, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Larry
Roth, 8907 Village Grove; Mrs.
Ginger Gran & Mr. Ollie Polly.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to
Loretta Orr in the death of her
mother on January 25.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER February 21-27

Margaret Jenkins (21)
Walter Bowen (22)
Steven Hall (22)
Judith Brickley (23)
Barbara Mettler (23)
Susan Rousseau (23)
Ron Flickinger, II (25)
Dan Church (25)
Eunice Conrad (25)
Freda Householder (25)
Cathy Katt (26)
Homer Stevenson (26)
Bette Jones (26)

ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1984 at 7:15
P.M. at the church.

SERVING FEBRUARY 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ennis Brown and
Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. P. Tobias-SW, V.
Brown-NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs
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fer-NE, E. Zimmerman, B. Haines,
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BUS DRIVER

Brett Lucas

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LUTHERAN:

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PARKVIEW:

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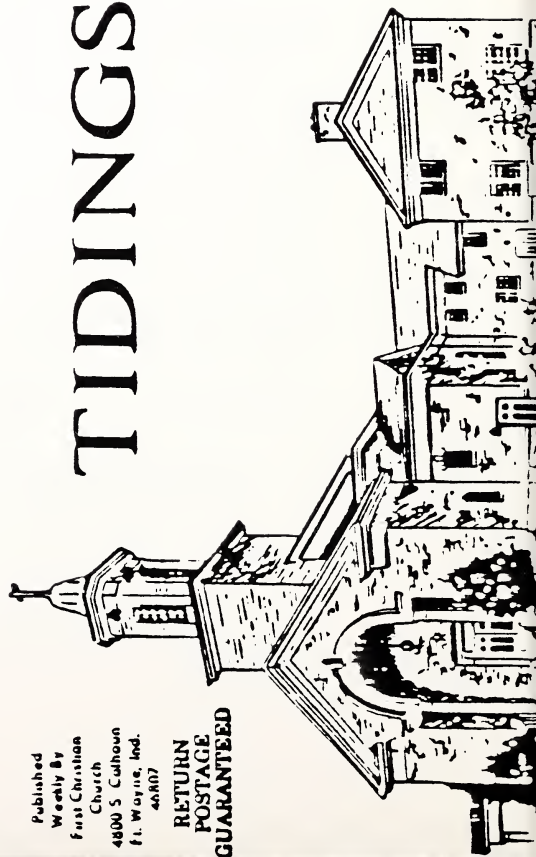
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FELLOWSHIP DINNER, FEBRUARY 29

Food: Potluck (bring a meat dish and a vegetable or dessert)

Fun: Marvin Crouse & Company

Fellowship - Everyone welcome!

Free gift - You'll like it!

6:30 p.m. Sharp! See you there!

WEEK OF COMPASSION

This is your opportunity to do something about world hunger and to assist refugees and disaster victims all year long. Give to this special offering. Help a miracle happen!

ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

This great Festival will include our choirs and those of eight other churches. Babysitting will be provided.

March 4 7:00 P.M.
West Creighton Christian Church
875 W. Creighton Avenue
All Welcome!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All Committees (except Worship) will meet on Tuesday, February 28, 7:15 P.M. Babysitting will be provided.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Thanks to the Schnobels for giving the beautiful floral arrangement for the Sanctuary. Many comments were heard Sunday about how beautiful it is.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Pastoral Relations
Committee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:15 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
6:30 P.M. FELLOWSHIP DINNER
6:45 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Genevieve Ripple's, 3405 Central Drive
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Feb. 28-March 6

Liz Johnson (28)
Tim Briggs (28)
J. W. Lehman (28)
Barbara Busse (1)
Carl Linn (1)
Gerald Zimmerman (1)
Bueford Tharp (1)
Marjorie Lee Baugher (2)
Frank Moody (2)
Myrtle Hendrick (3)
Bill Johnson, II (5)
Benjamin McCarel (5)
Richard Hamilton (6)

CONGRATULATIONS to Bill and Nancy Wyant, proud parents of a new baby boy, Brandon Tarr Wyant, born Monday, February 13!

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, CANNED SOUP, P-NUT BUTTER, CEREAL

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Homebound Ministry is being extended to include offering sermons, Christian music, and scripture readings on cassette tape. If you have Christian records or tapes or modern translation Old and New Testament records or tapes, we would like to borrow them to make copies. Please call the church office (744-3239) or bring them to the office. Be sure to have your name on all items. We will return them as soon as copies are made.

C.Y.F.

Lot's going on, people!

--Next week, Feb. 26, is Youth Sunday. Saturday morning at 10:00 will be the "dress rehearsal". Come and practice!

--March 4 is the C.Y.F. sponsored children's film festival: come and help out! (and watch the movies, too!)

--March 9, 10, and 11 is the C.Y.F. Retreat. More information later.

--and April 27, 28, and 29 is the C.Y.F. Regional Assembly at Franklin College, "Hope For Tomorrow". \$25.00 will cover the cost, which includes meals and housing. Let us know by April 11. Make your checks out to First Christian Church.

CHI RHO

On the afternoon of March 4, we will be going to see a movie. You will hear more later about this!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It's good to see some of our "snow birds" returning home! We had an excellent attendance Sunday.

Area I of the Christian Church in Indiana includes the churches in Fort Wayne, Saturn, Aboite, Kendallville, and Auburn. The Area Board has authorized demographic studies in two areas of Fort Wayne to investigate the possibility of a new church being established. As this work proceeds, we'll keep you informed. Ralph Church is chairman of the Area's New Church Committee. It just happens that Judy Church is chairwoman of the Regional New Church Commission. What's in a name (sorry, I couldn't resist that!)?

I'm looking forward, with you, to hearing from our youth this Sunday! See you in church!

Love,

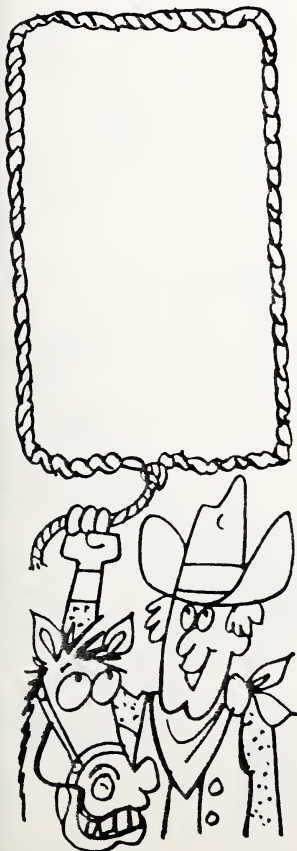
Dick

FOR ALL CHILDREN!

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WEEK OF COMPASSION BOXES FOR CHILDREN

The children received boxes for their Week of Compassion offering in Sunday School. There will be some extras at the church this Sunday. The children are asked to bring the boxes with them when they come forward for the sermonette this Sunday.



SERVING FEBRUARY 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Pauley and
Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. Chip Olson and
Val Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Mory-SW, T. Creager-
NW, L. Taylor, J. Briggs
10:45 A.M. E. Mory-SW, T. Creager-
NW, L. Taylor-SE, J. Briggs-NE, T.
Knuckles, S. Jones, K. Byers, K.
Dykes

USHERS

8:15 A.M. K. Perkins, K. Mory,
M. Zimmerman
10:45 A.M. K. Perkins, K. Mory,
M. Zimmerman

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mindy Hamm & Phyllis Tobias

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

S. Hayes - J. Franklin
J. Church - E. Place
D. Keebortz - K. Place
B. Taylor - W. Westerfield

ACOLYTES

Scott Creager & Dennis Hendrickson

BUS DRIVER

Briggs

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Youth
10:45 A.M. Youth

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

562 - Mr. Ennis Brown

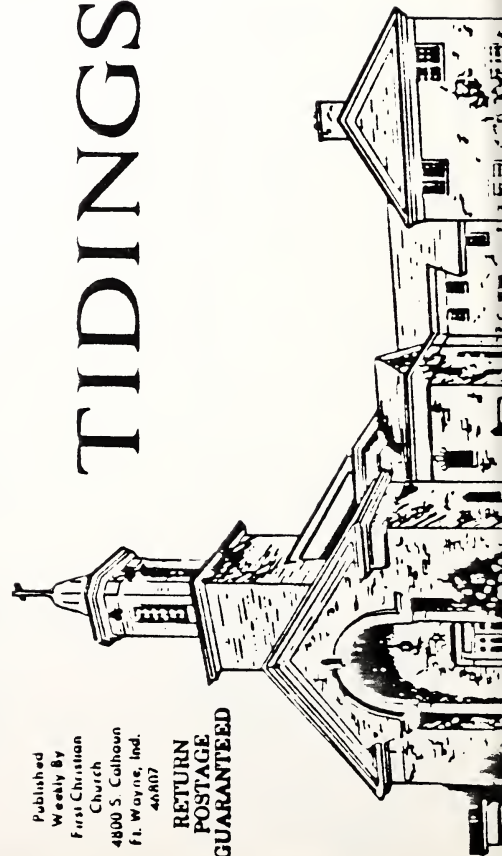
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LENTEN SEMINAR: THE PROPHETS

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28 APRIL 4
7:15 - 9:00 P.M.

Dr. Hamm & Rev. Wiltfong will lead us through Isaiah, Amos, Micah, Hosea, Ezekiel, Jeremiah and Jonah. These Prophets speak a Word for our day.

Please call the church office to register (744-3239). Babysitting provided if requested.

MARCH IS BLANKET MONTH

Blankets are among the most valuable resources Church World Service provides in time of disaster, because they are so versatile. They can be used as makeshift tents, as partitions in crowded refugee quarters, as totes for whatever possessions a family can salvage after an earthquake, flood, or cyclone.

March is Blanket Month at First Christian. Church World Service is able to obtain heavy, serviceable wool blend blankets for approximately \$5.00 each. Checks can be written to First Christian Church, but must be designated "Blanket Drive." Money can also be given through C.W.F. Groups.

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION - MARCH 11

Would you like to have your child dedicated? We will have a brief service of dedication on Sunday, March 11, during 10:45 a.m. worship. If you wish to be included in this service, please contact the church office by Friday, March 9. Call Dr. Hamm if you have questions about the service.

FOR ALL CHILDREN

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BOARD MEETING - 7:30 P.M. - TUESDAY, MARCH 6

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

9:00 A.M. C.W.F. Executive Board Meeting

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Children's Film Festival

7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 5

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

9:30 A.M. Ruth Group at Sarah Smith's, 3927 Meda Pass

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

6:45 P.M. Starshine

7:15 P.M. Lenten Seminar

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

9:15 A.M. Rachel Group at the church

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER March 7-13

Robert Orr (7)

Cora Harnish (7)

Elizabeth Flesher (8)

Jerry Warner (8)

Vada Tatman (8)

Rex Alan Clifton (9)

Richard Dobson (10)

Kathleen Simon (10)

John Kelly (10)

Florence Palmer (12)

Kevin Mory (12)

Mark Zimmerman (12)

THANK YOU

I wish to thank Dr. Hamm, Rev. Wiltfong, Janet Weicker, and Karen Flickinger for calls and prayers while I was in the hospital. Also the Progressive Class for the flowers and Reba & Earl Fusselman for the calls and every one who sent cards - they all help very much. Also the Bob Clippis for the lovely plant since returning home and I appreciate every one of them. Thanks to you all and may God Bless you all.

Ethel Birkhold

LENTEN ATTENDANCE CARD

All teams making calls to deliver the devotional booklets and to get attendance covenant cards signed are asked to complete their calls this week and turn their cards in to the church office by Sunday, March 4. Persons who have received the booklets and cards, are asked to prayerfully consider signing the cards and to turn them in or mail them to the church office by Sunday, March 4.

SPRING BANQUET

The Annual Spring Banquet will be at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 21. Children in our Second Hour program and others in 2nd-5th grades will be on the program and Starshine will sing for us. Meat, rolls, & beverage will be \$1.25 for adults, 75¢ for children 10 and under. We do need reservations! Please telephone Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) or the church office (744-3239) to make reservations.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Didn't the youth do a super job of leading us in worship Sunday. Makes us all proud! Also makes us appreciative of our youth sponsors: the Ohneckes, Bruce Lehman, Marlene Crouse, Schellie Schell, and the Creagers. Of course, Don Wiltfong works with the youth and sponsors in a variety of ways. Thanks to you all!

Prayer Service continues to be a blessing to all who participate. If you have not tried it, I urge you to do so. Babysitting is provided. I bet you'll get hooked. I'd offer it for myself, even if no one else came!

Please return those Lenten Attendance Cards as soon as possible. With very special music every Sunday and a sermon series on the Parables of Jesus, I feel Lent will be a truly enriching experience for us all.

Who have you invited to worship lately?

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. This Sunday's sermon is "On Faith & Belief". Are these two things different? If so, in what way and which is most important?

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

The Chi Rho Youth Fellowship will meet Saturday, March 3 at 12:30 at the church to go to see a movie. Bring at least \$6.00 for the price of admission and popcorn. Plan to be around until at least 4:00.

THOSE INTERESTED IN EITHER A EUCHRE OR A PINOCHLE CLUB, DAY-TIME OR EVENING, ARE ASKED TO MEET BRIEFLY AT THE CHURCH ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 3, AT 2:30 P.M. FOR A BRIEF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SO THAT WE CAN START PLAYING IN MARCH.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (C.Y.F.)

This Sunday, March 4, is the children's film festival, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. We will need some help setting up and some cleaning up. Come and help out!

RETREAT: March 9, 10, and 11 is the CYF Retreat at Barbee. It will be a time of fellowship and recreation, study and reflection, worship and renewal. The cost will be \$14 to help offset some of the expenses. We will leave the church at 6:00 Friday evening and will return early Sunday Afternoon. Flyers with registration forms will go out this week. Come, and bring a friend!

ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

This great Festival will include our choirs and those of eight other churches. Babysitting will be provided.

March 4 7:00 P.M.
West Creighton Christian Church

875 W. Creighton Avenue
All welcome!

SERVING MARCH 4
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York and
Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm-SW, D. Rogers-
NW, B. Briggs, J. Briggs
10:45 A.M. T. Briggs-SW, E. Zimmer-
man-NW, R. Flickinger-SE, S.
Knuckles-NE, W. Johnson, L. John-
son, K. Place, E. Place

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, J. Jones, K. Mory

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M.

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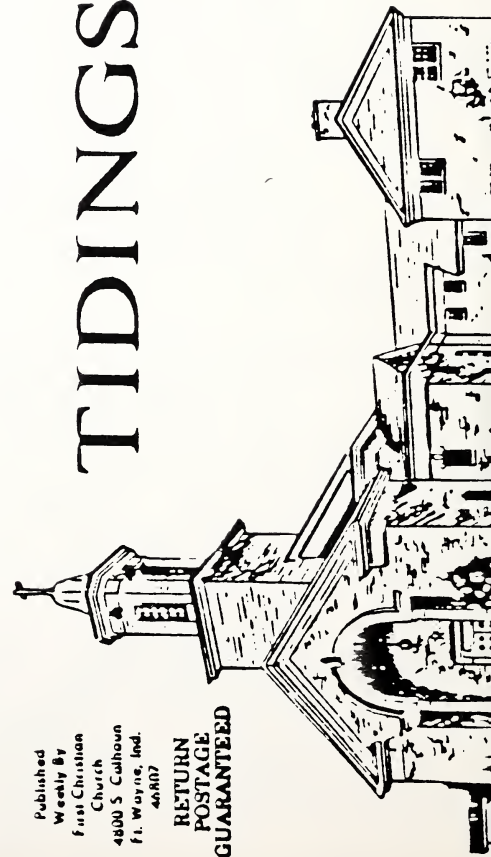
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SPRING BANQUET

The annual Spring Banquet will be Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00 P.M. The parade of Bible characters will perform. Becky Krull, Jeremy Stucky, Tracey Critell, Melissa Chapin, Laura Hamm, Rachel Lucas, Megan & Michelle Callahan, Sara & Christie Glasgow, Kyle Kerley, Adam White, George Smith, Brandon & Adam Falbe, Shannon Wyant, and Wendy Hix, are children in our second hour that will sing, directed by Diane Mory and Becky Stucky. Starshine will be performing for us. Meat, rolls and beverage will be \$1.25 for adults, 75¢ for children under 10. The rest will be potluck. Please make reservations by March 18 to Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) or to the church office(744-3239).

H.E.L.P. - Helping Ex-offenders Live Productively

This new volunteer agency is starting up now. There will be a volunteer orientation breakfast March 21, Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., at the Hobby Ranch House on North Anthony. If you think you might like to get involved in this program which helps people make the transition from incarceration to a successful, normal life, call Dick Hamm to register! This is a city wide program and has the support of our Outreach & Service Committee.

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THANKS

Our thanks to Edna Nordblom who has agreed to be co-chairman of the Pantry program along with Peg Buskirk. Edna is responsible for maintaining the food supply while Peg is in charge of volunteers.

Val Taylor has been sole chairman of the Pantry for several years. We hate to lose her and Ben and Larry to Kentucky, where they will be moving in June. Our thanks to Val for a great job well done!

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

6:00 P.M. CYF leave for Retreat
at Barbee

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 12

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at
Pearl Heidecker's, 2445
Fairfield

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

9:30 A.M. Ruth Group at Sarah
Smith's, 3927 Meda Pass

12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at the
church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

6:45 P.M. Starshine

7:15 P.M. Lenten Seminar

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER March 14-20

Ethel Shroyer (14)

Tanya Creager (15)

Mike Akers (15)

Mark Akers (15)

Wayne Koehlinger (15)

Stephan Ludwig (15)

Carole Overmyer (15)

George Bruckman (16)

Rex Clifton (16)

Robert Ogles (16)

Max Finkhousen (17)

Michael Novachcoff (17)

Edna Shoe (18)

Melanie Springer (19)

Vince Wells (19) Laura Manes (20)

Pauline Auer (20) Ruby Mowery (20)

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Bill Johnson and his family in the death of his mother, Esther Johnson.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sarah Likens, who died Friday. Rev. Wilfong conducted services for her on Tuesday.

Becky Stucky had surgery this week and is home recuperating well.

Marvin Crouse had eye surgery last week and is recuperating at home.

Dorothy Merriman, a long time member of First Christian Church is on the critical list at Canton Christian Home, 2550 Cleveland Avenue, N.W., Canton, OH 44709.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you all for your many prayers. What a great feeling to know you are loved and prayed for by so many people. Especially Dick and Don, Janet for her visit and beautiful prayer, Karen meeting me and holding my hand the day I came home from the hospital. For all the cards; again I say thank you, it's wonderful to feel God's love surrounding you and that is what I feel at First Christian. Marge Lehman

Thanks to everybody who attended and worked at the Children's File Festival. Bruce Lehman

LENTEN BOOKLET

If you have not received your copy, please call the church office.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON
Dear Friends,

Well, here we are upon the season of Lent. Lent is the 40 days, excluding Sundays, before Easter. It is patterned after Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, and is a time for reflection upon our spiritual life. It is a time to make spiritual resolutions. It is a time for study, prayer, and other spiritual disciplines (of course, every day of the year is a time for spiritual discipline). I hope everyone who can do so will be in worship every Sunday.

We have a goal of 500 in worship on Easter Sunday this year. I'm sure we can attain that goal between the three services we'll be having.

This Sunday begins a series of sermons on the parables of Jesus. First up is "the Parable of the Sower." We'll be having super special music all through Lent.

May God bless you as together we enter the Lenten journey that leads first to a cross, then to an empty tomb! See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Jerry Zimmerman has been organist at First Christian Church for 10 years! During second service Sunday, he was presented with a red padded bench cover as a small token of our appreciation for his faithfulness, years of service, and cooperative spirit. We hope to have you for another 10 years, Jerry! Thanks!

CARDIO-VASCULAR GROUP TO MEET MARCH 21 AT CHURCH

If you have had, or will have cardio-vascular surgery, you and your spouse are invited to a support group meeting Wednesday, March 21, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., at the church. Mary Ann Blakely, MSW, and Dr. Hamm will meet with the group.

NOTE: The Rebecca Group will meet at Morgan's Restaurant on Tuesday, March 13, 1984 at 11:30 A.M.

CHI RHO

Our next meeting will be March 18. We will be studying Television (not watching....studying!)

CYF

This weekend is the Retreat. There will be no CYF meeting Sunday evening.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Older Elementary school and middle school youth are invited to attend a church membership class on Saturday, April 7, from 9:00 to noon.

ENCLOSED FLYER

Please give the Lenten flyer away to someone who is unchurched!

WATCH FOR THE "CHURCH FAMILY -

1984" banner. Watch it grow! Persons having wedding anniversaries - 25th, 50th, and all beyond 50 - during 1984, please report the date to the church office or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365), so we may put it on the banner.

SERVING MARCH 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Ennis Brown

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Wyant-SW, V. Brown-
NW, J. Kelly

10:45 A.M. M. Callahan-SW, G.
Falbe-NW, M. Crouse-SE, W. Wester-
field-NE, M. Mullen, M. Hamm, E.
Klepfer, J. Franklin

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, B. Haines, T. York

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Carole Overmyer

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

R. Church - B. Haines

C. Olson - W. Johnson

B. Pauley -

L. York - E. Snouffer

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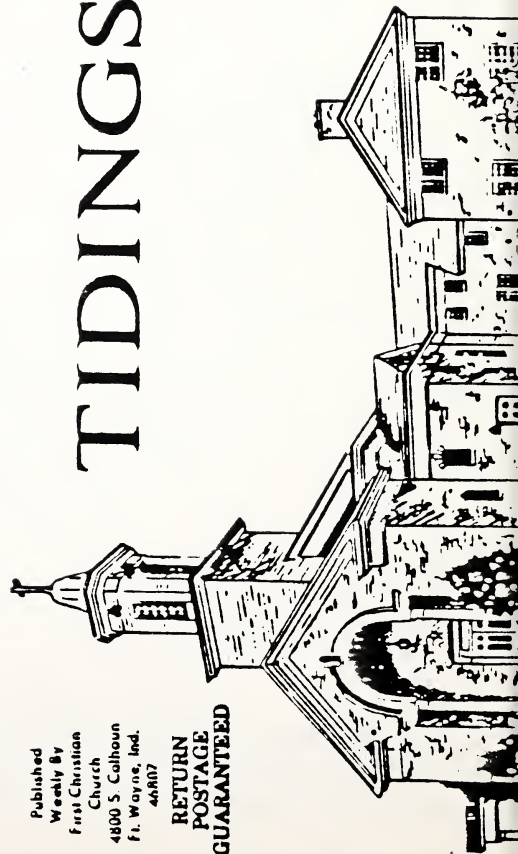
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SEMINAR ON WILLS THIS SUNDAY, LUNCH - 2:30 P.M.

The Rev. Ed Allen (a Timothy of F.C.C.) and the Rev. Herb Barnard of the Christian Church Foundation will be here at First Christian this Sunday for a brief luncheon seminar on wills. An attorney will also be present to answer any questions you may have.

Why should we each be interested in such a seminar?

1. To help us make better use of our resources.
2. Because most of us do not realize how large our estate really is.
3. Even young people need a will to determine guardianship for their children.
4. We can't assume that our old wills are still useful as tax laws and family circumstance change.

This seminar is a service provided to you by the Christian Church Foundation and our Stewardship Committee. The only cost is a free will offering for lunch. Please call the church office to register for lunch (744-3239).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome David & Rita Alexander, who came by transfer from First Christian Church in New Castle, Indiana. They live at 2621 Repton Dr., 46815; phone number is 493-4867.

SPRING BANQUET

The annual Spring Banquet will be Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00 P.M. In addition to our smallest children listed last week, who will be singing, we have a group of children in 2nd through 5th grades who will bring us a parade of Bible characters. These include: Jason Krull as Noah; Steve Mullen as Joseph; David Hamm as Moses; Amy Pratt portraying both Miriam and Mary Magdalene; Jimmy Davis as Jonah; Mandy Lucas portraying both Ruth & Mary; the mother of Jesus; Danny Mory as John the Baptist; Adam Hayes as Peter; Heath Hudlow as Zaccheus; Matthew Busse as John the Apostle and Brian Rogers as Paul.

We are also pleased to have Starshine singing for us.

Meat, rolls, and beverage will be prepared at the church. Cost is \$1.25 for adults and 75¢ for children under 10. The balance of the meal is potluck. Suggested dishes are: scalloped potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, vegetables, salads, and desserts. Please bring your own table service.

We must have reservations by this Sunday, March 18. Phone the church office, Miriam Bixenman or sign up at church this Sunday!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 A.M. Elders Meeting

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 19

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

6:00 P.M. SPRING BANQUET

6:45 P.M. Starshine

7:15 P.M. Lenten Seminar

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER March 21-27

Bill Halbrook (21)

Julia Brita (22)

Christine Dailey (22)

Pearl Heidecker (22)

Thomas Banet (22)

Steve Grimm (23)

Terry King, Jr. (23)

Bobby Pauley (23)

Margaret Love (24)

John Glasgow (24)

Rosemary Krull (25)

Judith Hoagland (25)

Robert Briggs (26)

Edwin Hall (27)

Margaret Beachley (27)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Soup, P-Nut Butter, Oats,
Noodles

THANK YOU

My thanks to everyone for your concern for me, your prayers and cards; to Karen & Janet for their visits and prayers. Special thanks to Dick for his help, visits and prayers; and to the Zimmermans for taking me into their home as part of their family, helping me to the doctor, hospital and home. I am so thankful to be a part of such a loving, caring and sharing Christian Family like we have at First Christian. My love, prayers & Best Wishes to all of you.

Mary Cook

CONGRATULATIONS.....

Don & Nancy Kolkman upon the birth of Simon David!

Kevin & Eric Mory and Julie Briggs played in the youth symphony last Tuesday night at the Performing Art Center.

REMEMBER, this week begins the Lenten Season and our church attendance drive. We now have 178 signed covenant cards. We trust others will come in this week. We are striving for a goal of 500 between the 3 services on Easter!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Older Elementary school and middle school youth are invited to attend a church membership class on Saturday, April 7, from 9:00 to noon.

WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING RESULTS

First Christian gave \$1417.98 for Week of Compassion. May God bless and use these gifts.

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PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

Jerry and Diana Blomeke dedicated Erica Lynn (12-5-83), David and Rita Alexander dedicated Brent David (11-29-79) and Christina Marie (5-19-82). Bill and Nancy Wyant dedicated Brandon Tarr (2-13-84).

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CARDIO-VASCULAR GROUP TO MEET MARCH 21 AT CHURCH

If you have had, or will have cardio-vascular surgery, you and your spouse are invited to a support group meeting Wednesday, March 21, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., at the church. Mary Ann Blakely, MSW, and Dr. Hamm will meet with the group.

CHI RHO - This Sunday, March 18, we will study some things about movies and T.V. which will help you think critically about and understand their messages. (We might even watch a short movie!) See you Sunday at 5:30!

CYF meet Sunday at 5:30. We will study "Love and Marriage."

ELDERS MEET THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 9:00 - 10:30 A.M.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD MEETS MONDAY, MARCH 19, 7:15 - 8:45 P.M.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 3-11-84 -- H.M. Dill, 3401 Indiana Ave.; G.A. Graver, 3514 Beaver Ave.; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Schmidt, 106 Dunbar Lane; Larry Bettsch, Miss Cara Clark, Mr. Charles McGrew, 1110 Candlewood Way.

SERVING MARCH 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and
Bob Pauley

10:45 A.M. Val & Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, J.

Hahn-NW, B. Grimm, J. Briggs

10:45 A.M. B. Haines-SW, P. To-

bias-NW, B. Kerley-SE, T. York-NE,
L. Finkhousen, K. Flickinger, M.
Finkhousen, D. Rogers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney

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terfield, S. Creager, K. Taylor

GREETERS

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10:45 A.M.

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Brett Lucas

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IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

773 - Mr. Leland Higgins

EUCHRE & PINOCHLE CLUB

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Euchre or Pinochle in the evening,
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gathering on Friday evening, March
16, at 7:00 P.M.

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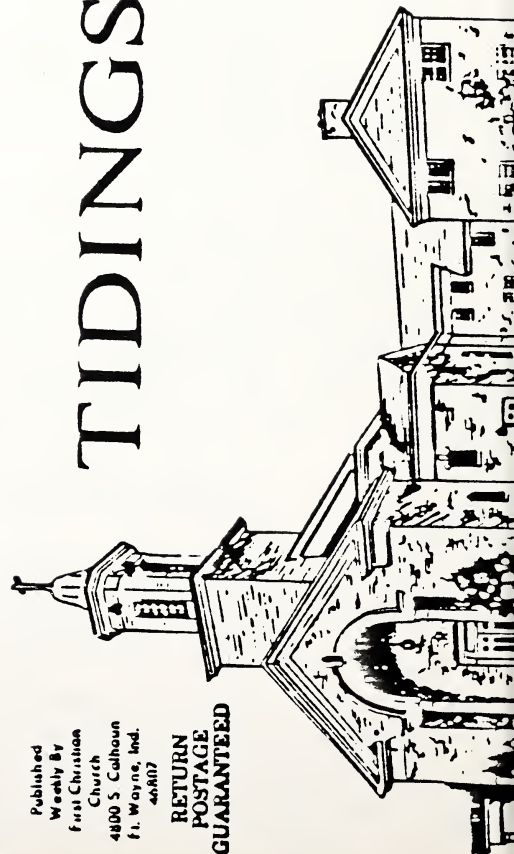
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M.A. MEETS TUESDAY, MARCH 27, NOON

The Don't Mention Age Fellowship will meet noon, Tuesday, March 27 for a potluck luncheon and a slide presentation from the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce. After the slide program, those who wish to do so are invited to stay for a brief meeting to plan future events.

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ALL COMMITTEES MEET TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 7:15 - 8:45 P.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Church School
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
 5:30 P.M. CYF
 7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 26

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

9:30 A.M. Ruth Group at Sarah
 Smith's, 3927 Meda
 Pass

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck

7:15 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

6:45 P.M. Starshine

7:15 P.M. Lenten Seminar

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Mar.28-Apr. 3

Kimberly Borton (28)

James Buchanan (28)

F. Wayne Rousseau (28)

Lelia McBride (28)

Maude Donohue (29)

Sylvia Smith (29)

Nancy Wyant (30)

Pam Akers (30)

Connie Wells (30)

Bill Urich (31)

Paul Ventes (1)

Gladys Harshbarger (1)

Tom Knuckles (1)

Marshall Smith (2)

Sylvia Engle (3)

Anna Chasar (3)

EVANGELISM 400 - NEW CHURCH EFFORT FOR INDIANA

The Evangelism 400 Fellowship is made up of those persons who make over and above a gift of \$50.00 or more a year to new church development in the Region of Indiana. The original goal was 400 members across the state, but that has already been surpassed. The more successful this program, the more new churches we can start in Indiana. Many new churches are needed. If you would like to participate, ask Dick Hamm for a brochure.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Older Elementary school and middle school youth are invited to attend a church membership class on Saturday, April 7, from 9:00 to noon.

CYF will meet Sunday Evening at 5:30 p.m.

CHI RHO: Next meeting will be April 1. We will be making home made pizzas. "O taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34:8)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 3-18-84

Mrs. W. H. Morse, 69 Ashlawn,
 Memphis, TN; Mr. John Pyka, 2585
 Mt. Pleasant, N. Canton, OH; Mr.
 William Tope & Son, 4028 Webster.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Weather hurt us a bit Sunday, but we had a fair crowd nonetheless. We continue to have many visitors! Thank God and those of us who have been inviting friends and neighbors!

The Sunday evening Prayer Service has been a real blessing to many of us. If you have thought about trying it, here is a brief summary of what we do. We begin at 7:15 with a hymn, move on to announcements and a five minute time to share concerns and joys. After another hymn, we have 25-30 minutes of silent prayer with a suggested printed agenda to use as one wishes. At 7:55, those who wish may pray aloud. At 7:59 we sing "Spirit of the Living God" and we are dismissed. This is a very simple but powerful service. I hope you'll give it a try.

I hope Lent is moving you along toward a significant Holy Week experience.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Sit silently for a moment in a quiet place and listen. What do you hear?

Here in my study I hear the traffic rumbling by on Calhoun Street; the occasional sound of the movements of others in the building; and the omnipresent buzz of florescent lights; and finally, almost completely unnoticed, but loud now that my attention has found it, the sound of my own breathing.

Our minds are designed to focus our attention on the immediately relevant, and to ignore the consistent and ubiquitous. Thus we ignore background noises, but hear the telephone's ringing or the conversation.

This human facility for focusing effects our relationship to God. Nothing and no one is as continually present or ubiquitous to us as is God. It sounds a little crass to admit that we ignore God when we attend to the more immediate details of our lives. Maybe it is better to say that we assume God, like we assume our next breath, and the next, and the next.

When we do focus on God's presence, either when we call on him in need, or when he becomes present to us in the joy of a moment, let's know that he is there when we call upon him because...he is there!

"I lie down and sleep; I awake again, for the Lord sustains me."

(Ps. 3:5)

- Don

SERVING MARCH 25

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Laura York

10:45 A.M. Al Creager and
Miriam Bixenman

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ohneck-SW, E. Conrad-NW, J. Stucky, V. Brown

10:45 A.M. W. Johnson-SW, L. Johnson-NW, E. Klepfer-SE, T. Briggs, E. Zimmerman, R. Flickinger, S. Knuckles

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, C. Schnobel, K. Mory

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Mike & Mary Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. David & Rita Alexander

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Come Double Class

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Wm. Johnson - M. Hamm

D. Keebortz - J. Stucky

E. Brown - B. Kerley

V. Taylor - B. Grimm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Virginia Brown & Brigg's

ACOLYTES

John Flickinger & Robbie Critell

BUS DRIVER

Brigg's

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bruce Lehman

10:45 A.M. John Ohneck

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Soup, Tuna, Oats, P-Nut Butter

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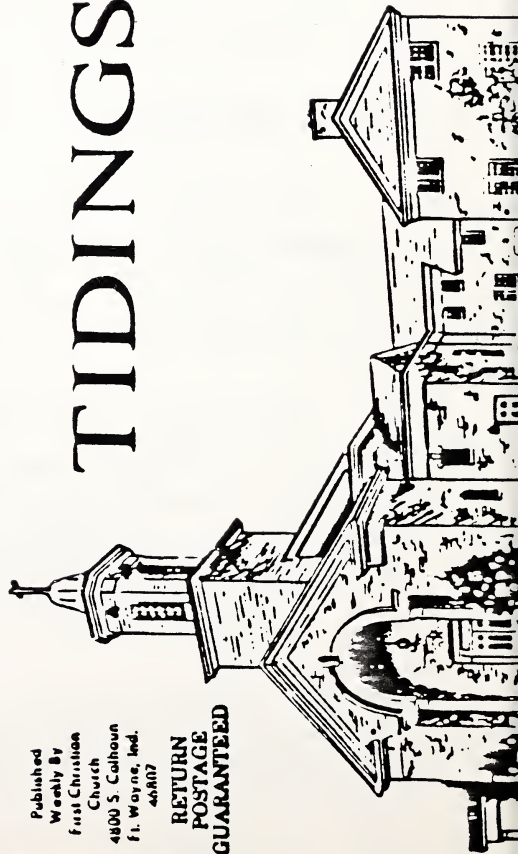
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Mike and Laura McFarland made their confession of faith Sunday! We rejoice in this and pray that First Christian will be a true church home for them. They live at 6001 Bunt Drive, 46806, phone-447-0116. Welcome them!

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CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME NEEDS LABELS

Save those Campbell Soup labels! There is a box for them in the church kitchen. They mean equipment for Cleveland's Day Care Center. We also continue to save stamps. Remember to leave lots of border around them!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3 AT 7:30 P.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, APRIL 2

9:30 A.M. Mon. Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

9:30 A.M. Ruth Group at Marge
Lehman's, 4110 Huth
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

7:15 P.M. Lenten Seminar

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Esther
Whitton's, 3308 S.
Clinton Street

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER April 4-10

Stella Houk (4)
Wes Westerfield (4)
Sharon Pauley (5)
Anne Shirley (5)
Reba Fusselman (6)
Scott Keebortz (6)
Teresa Meadows (6)
Genevieve Ripple (6)
Gary Helmke (7)
Ann Sands (9)
Betty Grimm (10)
Charles Ludwig (10)
Ethel Flowers (10)

FIRST TIME VISITORS - 3-25-84

Mrs. Marilyn Ray & Scott, 809
Pasadena Drive.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-NUT BUTTER, NOODLES, CEREAL
TUNA

CYF: HOPE for Tomorrow

There will be no CYF meeting Sunday, April 1. HOWEVER: Do you have your registration in for the Regional CYF assembly? It will be April 27-29 at Franklin College. We will leave the church at 2:00 p.m. that Friday, and return between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Your registration and the \$25 cost must be in the church office by 3:00 April 10. No late registrations can be accepted. We hope you can attend this fun and inspiring event centered on the theme, "Hope for Tomorrow."

CHI RHO: PIZZA!

This Sunday evening at 5:30 we will be creating our own pizzas. You will get a call this week to let you know what ingredient you should bring to contribute. Will we really be able to make an edible object? That's Amazing! No, that's a pizza!

YOUR YOUTH ARE GETTING HUNGRY!

And they want you to help!

That's right! Starting on Friday, April 13 at 6:00 the CYF is going to go without food for up to 18 hours to study and draw attention to world hunger. How can you help? We are asking for sponsors to pledge a per hour amount, with the money we raise going to Church World Service Crop for hunger relief.

To pledge, see a CYFer Sunday, or call the church office. Help the CYF get hungry, so that someone hungry might be fed!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As you may well know, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ (not to be confused with the Church of Christ) are discussing the possibility of a denominational merger. There are many similarities between our two denominations. For example, we are similar in size (1.3 million Disciples, 1.8 million U.C.C), and we are both congregationally governed. In fact, there are not many significant differences between us.

However, it is precisely some of our similarities that disturb me. Neither of us is growing in size (although we are both trying to turn this around) and, a related similarity I think, neither of us has a clear identity or purpose. A certain prescription for disaster in marriage is for two people to get married in order to "find themselves." They invariably get further lost. I think this is true of church unions too.

Therefore, while it is still early in the process, I believe that a merger between our two denominations would be useful only if it could be done in a way that would help us both discover who we are and what our mission in the world is. These are more complex issues than first meets the eye.

I will continue to engage in the discussions because we have much to learn from each other. But I hope the discussions will lead to clarity rather than to further confusion of identities. More later.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday is April Fool's Day - so we'll look at the Parable of The Rich Fool! (Luke 12:15-21)

EUCHRE & PINOCHLE PLAYERS

Those wishing to play either pinochle or euchre with the daytime group will meet for play on Thursday afternoon, April 5, at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Those wishing to play in the evening, whether or not you played the first meeting, will meet for play on Friday evening, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

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Can we count on you?

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at
Morgan's Restaurant
12:45 P.M. Rachael Group at
the church
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild in
the Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 P.M. Martha Group at
Kris Ohneck's
4214 Mirada

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER APRIL 11-17

Becky Glasgow (12)
Bud O'Laughlin (13)
Phyllis Tobias (13)
John Merrill, Jr. (13)
Fern Strole (14)
Golden Rose (14)
Kathryn Cullen (14)
Ruth Vost (15)
Diane Freimuth (16)
Richard Jackson (16)
Aimie Pratt (16)
Lillian Busse (17)
Nick Keirn (17)
Edward Wooldridge (17)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-NUT BUTTER, NOODLES, CEREAL
INSTANT POTATOES

CYF: THREE UP COMING EVENTS

"Hope For Tomorrow" is the theme of the CYF Regional Assembly Franklin College, April 27-29. The cost is \$25 for housing and meals plus \$5 for transportation. Registrations must be in the church office 3:00 P.M. April 10.

April 13 at 6:00 we will begin hunger retreat. If you need sponsorship sheets, see Don. We will look at the hunger problem, relax, and do some planning, and raise some money for

This Sunday, April 8, is a study night. the topic will be "drugs".

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes to the family of Bill Taylor whose services were held Tuesday afternoon by Dick Ham

PRAYER CHAIN

Again this year we will have a continuous prayer chain, Beginning at 9:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday until 6:00 A.M. Easter Morning. If you wish to sign up for one or more 30 minute time slots, the poster is on display at the church. Security guards will be on hand during the hours of darkness.

FELLOWSHIP GUILD

The Fellowship Guild will meet Tuesday, April 10 at 1:30 in the conference room of the church. Rev. Harold Kratzat will show slides and talk of the program "Habitat for Humanity" in progress in Zaire, Africa where Rev. Kratzat visited his son last year. C.W.F. members and all interested persons are urged to attend.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Great to see visitors in worship and people joining the church isn't it? It's wonderful to see members inviting people to worship! Keep up the good work.

As a follow-up to a statement I made in worship a few weeks ago about our news media, I want you to know that I participated with four other representative clergy in a dialogue with representatives of the media. It was a very helpful and fruitful discussion. We talked together about the coverage of the Perry case, and a host of other issues. I think we all learned something from each other and that this will be a benefit to the city.

More is planned for later. You should know that the following organizations were able and willing to be represented: The Journal Gazette, Channel 33, WQHK, WEZV. Larry Smith of Channel 15 has also expressed interest, but could not come that evening. Obviously just a beginning, but a beginning nonetheless.

Sunday we'll look at the Parable of the Great Banquet, Luke 14: 18-24. See you then.

Love *Dick*

AN ASSOCIATES OBSERVATION

"Rejoice in the Lord always" wrote the Apostle Paul; and then before the natural skepticism sparked by the word always can take hold he adds, "Again, I will say, rejoice."

No, life isn't always pleasant. Sometimes it shakes us to the very core; and all that we are and all we hold dear turns into a question.

But God is no question. The sun rises in the morning, and the trees bud in spring; God is ever faithful, and though all other sources of joy are as fleet and as skittish as deer, in the Lord we can rejoice... always.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

6:00 P.M. CYF Hunger Lock-In

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 A.M. Pastoral Relations
Committee Meeting

11:30 A.M. C.W.F. Sacrificial
Luncheon

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Adult Bells

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho

7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, APRIL 16

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Serv.

9:00 P.M. Prayer Chain Begins

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER APRIL 18-24

Iva Imbody (19)

David Moody (19)

Arlene Downes (20)

Robby Pauley (20)

Myrna Steigerwald (20)

Julia Hendricks (21)

Gail J. Roe (21)

Opal Carper (21)

Karen Zimmerman (21)

Sheryl Melchi (22)

Dean Howard (22)

Joseph Snouffer (23)

Cathy Stucker (23)

Becca Olson (23)

Grady Vanderwall (24)

Devera Harter (24)

THANK YOU

Thanks to Sandy Zimmerman, Jo Weyer, and Ruth Yentes who staffed the office last week during Diane Johnson's week of vacation.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Rychie Smell whose brother died last week.

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

May Fellowship Day, sponsored by Church Women United, will be at 12:00 noon on Friday, May 4, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Theme is "The Family Portrait of Change", with program materials written by Hispanic Women. Mrs. Olga Villas, Executive Director of the Spanish Speaking Catholic Commission of South Bend, is the speaker. Cost of the luncheon is \$3.50. Please make checks payable to Church Women United and send reservations to Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette, or the Church Office before April 25. Fellowship of the Least Coin Offerings are due at this luncheon. Turn these offerings into our C.W.F. Treasurer by April 15.

CHI RHO

What is the heart of the Christian faith? We will look at this and other basic issues of our faith at Chi Rho, 5:30, Sunday, April 15.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

My friend Mark Richardson of First Christian, Frankfort, IN, told the following story in their newsletter. I think it speaks to us, too.

"The Power of an Invitation"

On Monday a friend met me on the street, "I noticed you were absent from our civic club's last meeting", he said, "Will you be there next Wednesday?" "No", I replied, "I can't make it. Don't look for me." Two men asked me Tuesday if I could come, I said to the first, "I wish I could, but I can't make it this week." The next one I answered, "My schedule looks impossible, but I'll try." Wednesday morning in the post office, a fourth man asked if I could come. "I'll try to come," I replied, "but I may not make it." Before I got to my car, a fifth man stopped me and I promised I'd be there! I don't know whose official duty it was to contact me, but I couldn't resist the invitation from five different men! If we want people to be a part of our Church Family - we must let them know. This is a TASK FOR EVERY MEMBER! Our mutual ministry is to proclaim the good news. Let your invitation go forth today to another.

We are now approaching the climax of Lent, Holy Week. I look forward to sharing these high days with all of you! See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

Easter Fulfills God's Plan



Easter Offering 1984

CYF - Lock in Next Week

The hunger lock-in is this Friday, April 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 noon Saturday. Bring your sleeping bags and all the other things you'll need over night; bring board games; and be prepared to do some reflecting on the world hunger problem. Come and learn more about hunger and what you can do about it.

FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP 4-8-84

Brenda Behrman, 12134 Beavans Rd.;
Mr. & Mrs. Nolan Younkman, 5125 Wood-
hurst Blvd.; Patrick Hickey, 4708 S.
Calhoun Street.

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SERVING APRIL 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and
Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, T. York-
NW, G. Falbe, B. Grimm
10:45 A.M. J. Stucky-SW, J. Oh-
neck-NW, L. Finkhousen-SE, K.
Place-NE, E. Zimmerman, M. Hamm,
E. Place

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GREETERS

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ACOLYTES

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BUS DRIVER

Brett Lucas

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Liz Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

Mrs. Margaret Snouffer

LUTHERAN:

460 - Mr. Ennis Brown

AT HOME

Kathy Kelly

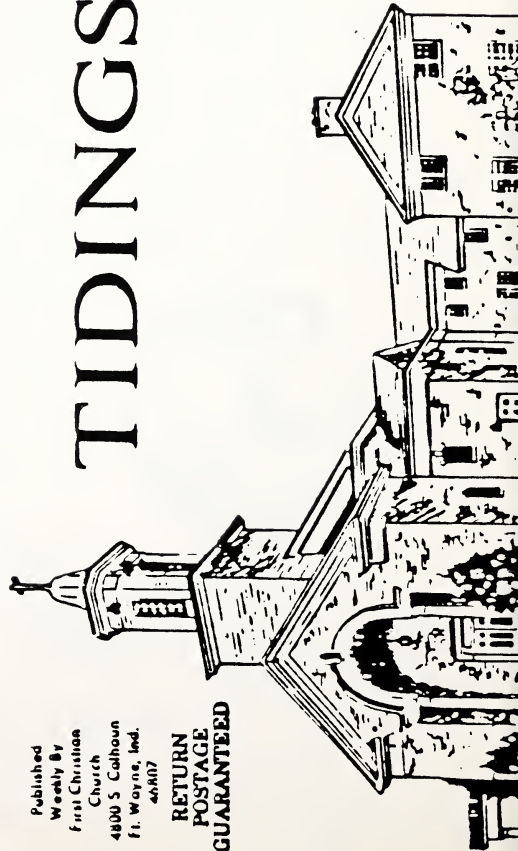
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday	7:30 p.m.	at church
Good Friday	1:30 p.m.	at Christ Methodist Church 1101 McKinnie Avenue
Easter Sunrise	6:00 a.m.	
Breakfast	7:00 a.m.	
Worship	8:15 a.m.	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.	
Worship	10:45 a.m.	

NOTE TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ATTENDING LATELY

Perhaps you had a disagreement with someone, and feel alienated. Perhaps you just drifted away. Perhaps you were hurt in some way. Maybe it happened 10 years ago. Nevertheless, you still call First Christian home, don't you?

What better day to come back home than Easter Sunday? Come back, please. We miss you and we need you to make our fellowship complete. Grant us the joy of your presence this Sunday!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brenda Kelly came transferring her membership from the Presbyterian Church. We are indeed fortunate to have she and husband John in our fellowship!

Jennifer Byers made her confession of faith and will be baptized this Easter Sunday.

Mike and Laura McFarland will also be baptized on Easter having made their confession of faith March 24.

LILLIES! LILLIES!

If you will have an Easter Lily that you would be willing to loan the church for Easter Sunday, please call the church office. They may be picked up after Second Worship Service.

MAY BREAKFAST

All our women are reminded to save the date of Saturday, May 5 for the annual May Breakfast. Plan to bring your friends.

SERVING APRIL 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Pauley and
Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. Ralph Church and
Al Creager

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Mowery-SW, E.
Zimmerman-NW, B. Briggs, J.
Briggs
10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen-SW, W.
Westerfield-NW, E. Klepfer-SE,
E. Conrad-NE, B. Wyant, M. Mul-
len, J. Franklin, R. Krull

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, T. York, K. Taylor

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Mike & Mary Novachcoff
10:45 A.M.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Chrysalis Class

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Bixenman - J. Hahn

S. Hayes -

L. York -

R. Church - M. Callahan

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Eileen Klepfer & John Kelly

ACOLYTES

Eric Krull & Mark Zimmerman

BUS DRIVER

Brett Lucas

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Jim Stucky

10:45 A.M. Eric Zimmerman

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

458 - Mr. Ennis Brown

ST. JOSEPH:

615 - Mr. Dave Kreischer

415 - Mrs. Hortense Stevenson

PARKVIEW:

315 - Mrs. Margaret Snouffer

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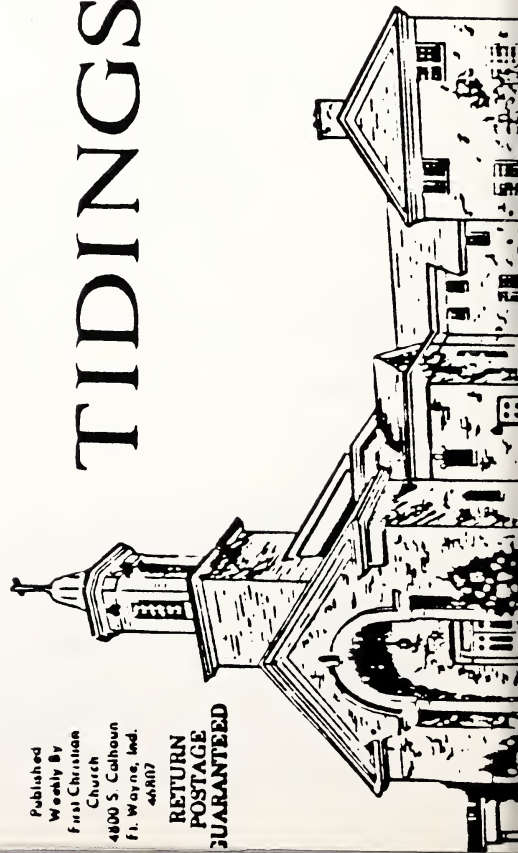
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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Kevin Tobias transferred his membership from the Lutheran Church in New Haven. Kevin lives at 1006 Park Avenue, New Haven, IN., phone 749-304. Welcome, Kevin.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE BAPTIZED

Jennifer Byers, Mike and Laura McFarland were baptized Sunday. Bless you each in this important step in your spiritual journey.

C.W.F. SPRING WORKSHOP

The C.W.F. Spring Workshop for Area I will be at our church this Sunday, April 29, from 2:30 - 7:00 p.m. All C.W.F. Officers, Chairwomen, and Group Officers should attend. There are workshops for Officers, Chairwomen of study, worship, and service. We will also have our Indiana State C.W.F. Vice President as our guest, plus a speaker to help us understand the likeness and differences between the Disciple of Christ and the United Church of Christ, who are now in conversations on church union. We are the hostesses, so we need to be on hand to greet our guests. Each of our ladies are asked to bring a salad for the salad supper. Registration fee is \$3.50. Blessing box offerings will be dedicated at this meeting.

DON'T MENTION AGE

On Tuesday, May 1, the D.M.A. will be going to the McMillan Health Center for a program on "Take Care of #1." This deals with nutrition and other health issues for seniors. The cost is \$3.00. Please meet at the church by 1:45 p.m. We'll take the bus to the Center. We'll have a dessert together at the church after. All welcome. Cake and ice cream will be provided, so no need to bring anything.

MAY BREAKFAST

The C.W.F. May Breakfast is Saturday morning, May 5, at 9:30 a.m. This is always a high light in the C.W.F. year, but this year we have a special treat in store. Slightly more than a year ago, Rachael McGuire, wife of our former pastor, Franklin McGuire, made a tour of the mission work in India. Many will remember that Rachael was born in India while her parents were missionaries there. She will be bringing slides, plus information from her tour. The breakfast is free, but it would be helpful to know how many to plan for. Please call the church office for registrations (744-3239). Our new C.W.F. Officers are: Kris Ohneck, President; Ruby Mowery, Vice-President; Connie Wells, Secretary; and Beth Wiltfong, Treasurer. Friends are welcome!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:20 A.M. Congregational Meeting
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
3:00 P.M. Area I Spring Workshop
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, APRIL 30

- 7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 1

- 9:30 A.M. Ruth Group at Reba
Fusselman's, 6309
Bluffton Road
1:45 P.M. D.M.A. to McMillan
Health Center

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

- 8:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

THURSDAY, MAY 3

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Truby's
& Watson's, 440 Engle-
wood Court
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MAY 4

- 12:00 NOON Fellowship Luncheon of
Church Women United,
Aldersgate United Metho-
dist Church, 2417 Getz Rd.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

- 9:30 A.M. May Breakfast

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 2-8

Virginia Brown(2)
Mabel Cross(2)
Alyce Fuchshuber(2)
Michael Byers(2)
Inez Petty(3)
Arza Smith(4)
Helen Steigerwald(4)
Sharon Christoules(4)
Helen Clymore(5)
Edna Johnson(5)
Lea Jackson(5) Jackie Keller(8)
Ralph Reynolds (5) Irene Wooldridge(8)
Troy Pratt (5) Dick Vanderwall (8)

THANK YOU'S

Many thanks to all the per-
sons who donated or loaned an
Easter Lily to the church on
Easter Sunday!

I want to thank Dr. Hamm,
Rev. Wiltfong, and Janet Wei-
cker for coming to see me dur-
ing my stay in the hospital.

Thanks also for the lovely
cards, I really appreciate
them, and all your prayers
really helped.

Mrs. Lillian Busse

We wish to thank all those
who shared in our 50th wedding
anniversary.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Reynolds

Thanks for the nice plant
you gave me. May God Bless
you all.

Mr. August Mueller

YOUTH GROUPS

There will be no Chi Rho or
CYF meetings this Sunday, Ap-
ril 29, due to the CYF Region-
al Assembly at Franklin College.

Both will meet next on May 6.

ARTHRITIS TELETHON

The 1984 Arthritis Telethon
will be Broadcast from Nash-
ville. The event will be air-
ed by WFFT Channel 55 from
10:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday,
April 29. Please call in your
support!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Its been a very full, exciting, and moving week at First Christian Church. Through all of the services of holy week (including Ennis' memorial service), and the expressions of support that have come my way in recent weeks, I have come to realize that this is truly "home" and my family and I wouldn't want to be any place else. We love you!

If not for the weather (pouring rain) we'd have had our 500 Sunday, but I'm sure not going to cry about 476! I hope Easter was as meaningful for you as it was for me.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS THIS SUNDAY

All are cordially invited to meet in the sanctuary at 9:20 a.m. for the annual election. Officers and candidates are as follows:

Moderator - Bill Johnson; Vice-Moderator - Judy Church; Chairman-Christian Education-Mindy Hamm; Evangelism - Wayne & Liz Johnson; Outreach & Service - Jerry Zimmerman; Diaconate - Eunice Conrad; LAY PERSONNEL-Sandy Zimmerman; LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Bev Hendricks, Mike Mullen, Janet Weicker, Vince Wells; ELDERS - Bud Ludwig, Bill Franklin, Mark Snyder, Pat Mullen; DIACONATE - Eileen Klepfer, Tanya Creager, Mildred Hutchinson, Mary Novachcoff, Tony York, Walter Bowen, Bill Kerley, Jeff Young; REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD - ELDERS - Al Creager, Janet Weicker; DIACONATE - Gary Falbe, Wes Westerfield, Mike Mullen, Phyllis Tobias, Mildred Hutchinson, Bette Haines, Lois Finkhausen; CONGREGATION AT LARGE - Connie Wells, Susan Creager, Earl Plummer.

Any nominations made from the floor must have the prior consent of those so nominated.

FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP 4-22-84

Nancy A. Janlsway, R.R. 1, Hillsboro, IN; Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Morrow, Camden OH; Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Ehresman, 2602 Maumee Avenue; Mr. & Mrs. Brad McCrillis, 815 Blake Drive; Mr. Robert Hempton, 1715 Forest Valley Drive; Miss Jill Franklin, 141 Maverick Place; Miss Wendy Heemsoth, 5115 Gaywood Drive; Mr. J. R. Porter, Logansport, IN.

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Gene Klepfer

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L. Finkhousen, T. Briggs

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. West-
terfield, K. Mory, C. Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Bill & Myrtle DeVinney
10:45 A.M. Nancy & Sam Smith

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Gospel Seekers Class

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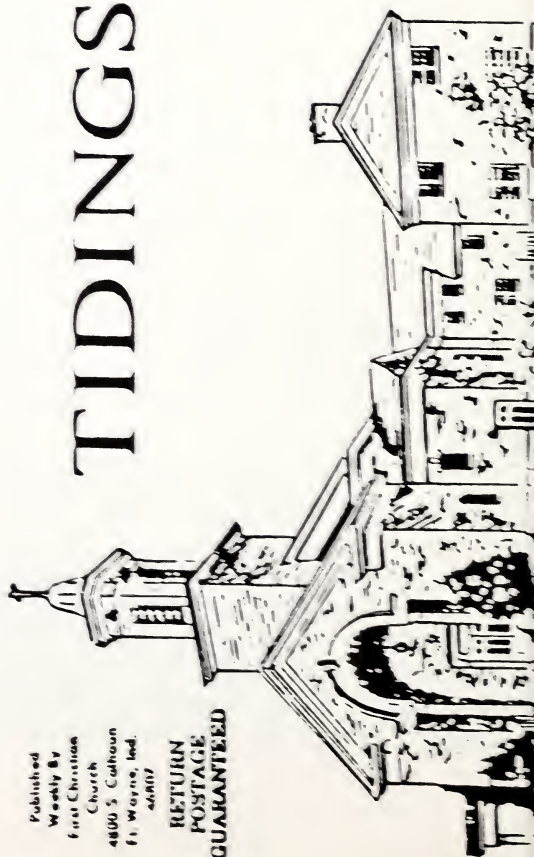
P-NUT BUTTER, JELLY, HOT CEREAL

SYMPATHY

Ennis Brown died Wednesday, and Memorial Services were at the church Saturday with some 200 in attendance. Our prayers go out to Ennis' family and many friends!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Chanel Novachcoff came to make her confession of faith this Sunday. She will be baptized in first service next Sunday.

MAY BREAKFAST

The C.W.F. May Breakfast is Saturday morning, May 5, at 9:30 a.m. This is always a high light in the C.W.F. year, but this year we have a special treat in store. Slightly more than a year ago, Rachael McGuire, wife of our former pastor, Franklin McGuire, made a tour of the mission work in India. Many will remember that Rachael was born in India while her parents were missionaries there. She will be bringing slides, plus information from her tour. The breakfast is free, but it would be helpful to know how many to plan for. Please call the church office for registrations (744-3239). Our new C.W.F. Officers are: Kris Ohneck, President; Ruby Mowery, Vice-President; Connie Wells, Secretary; and Beth Wiltfong, Treasurer. Friends are welcome!

SPECIAL SEMINAR DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL

Herb Barnard of the Christian Church Foundation will be with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. sharp to share information about wills and estate planning. All Adult Sunday School classes and other interested persons are invited to join in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. sharp for this informative program. A bank trust officer will be present and a tax expert to answer your questions.

GOLF TOURNEY, SATURDAY, MAY 12

THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTIAN OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT will be Saturday, May 12, Brookwood Golf Course. Tee off at 9:30 a.m., best ball format, awards banquet at church following golf. Reservation for electric carts must be in no later than Tuesday, May 8. Sign up now! Call the church office (744-3239) or Eileen Klepfer (747-3077).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 P.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 6

- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Seminar on Wills &
Estate Planning
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MAY 7

- 9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Euchre & Pinochle Group

TUESDAY, MAY 8

- 11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at Azar's
on Tillman Road
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, MAY 10

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 12

- 9:30 A.M. Golf Tourney

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 9-15

- Dan Dickey (10)
Jo Ann Franklin (10)
Carol Dunham (10)
Melvin Williamson (11)
Burl Feltenburger (12)
Willis Wuthrich (12)
Mildred Tharp (12)
John Hechler (12)
Gail Westerfield (12)
Robert Nulf (13)
Bernice Schnobel (13)
Earl Fusselman (15)
Mary Alice Mullins (15)
Deloris Anspach (15)

THANKS

Our Sincere Thanks to First Christian for the beautiful Lily and to the Women's Fellowship and Naomi Group for the lovely Geranium plants.

Bob & Esther Clipp

THANKS con't.

--Chip Olson, Mike Mullen, Mike Callahan, Jim Stucky, John Ohneck, Tony York, and Laura York for the Maundy Thursday drama. Also Jerry Zimmerman and Becky Stucky for the music.

--Delores Keebortz and the worship committee and helpers for a significant Holy Week experience.

--Betty Briggs & Diane Mory for the Good Friday drama.

--Delores Keebortz, Peg Buskirk, and Miriam Bixenman for the sunrise breakfast.

--the CYF for Easter Sunrise Service.

There are not words to express gratitude for all the loving - caring - sharing & prayers that have come our way these past weeks. Be proud of our pastor - be proud of our church family. Without God, and the support of all of you, we could not have gone through this time. Ennis would be amazed, proud and grateful, too!

Bless you all,

Gini Brown & Family

SYMPATHY

Our prayers are with the families of John Cullen and Dorothy Merriman who passed away last week.

EVANGELISM EVENT

Wes & Mimi Westerfield and Dick Hamm will be in Louisville for the NEW 84 event May 7-10.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-NUT BUTTER, JELLY, HOT CEREAL

TALENT NEEDED!

We will be having a Vaudeville Show along with an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 18. If you have an act or a suggestion, please contact the Briggs, or Schellie Schell, or Bill Wyant!

EVENING EUCHRE & PINOCHLE GROUP
WILL PLAY ON MONDAY, MAY 7, 7:00 P.M.
AT THE CHURCH!!!

FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP 4-29-84

Mrs. Georgia Lancaster, 3128 N. Penn, Logansport, IN; Cliff & Sharon Andersen, 4006 Blythewood Pl.; Dennis Graham, 411-3 Ridgemoor Dr.; Miss Linda Snell, 450 Pennsylvania, Marion, OH; Mr. & Mrs. Curt Miller, 4527 Beaver Avenue.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

One of the implications the Resurrection is that, as Christ was set free from the tomb, and as he was freed from death itself, so we are made free.

Yet, we hardly seem free. We are, as it were, slaves to our schedules, slaves to the demands of job and career, slaves to our environment, slaves even to our own bodies, and slaves to habits and behavior patterns we despise but cannot break.

And yet, Christ has shown these things for what they are. They are real, no doubt. But they are not ultimate. They are temporary. They will not pass. They shape us and squeeze us, but they do not determine our ultimate shape. For each of us has the freedom, within ourselves, to say "yes" to God. Nothing and no one else has that power over us. We can strive against and cope with all these other things because we are servants of Christ, not slaves to them. "So through God you are no longer a slave, but a son."

(Galatians 4:7a)

CHI RHO will meet this Sunday at 5:30 P.M.

CYF - Last weekend's Regional Assembly was terrific! We saw old friends and met new, and heard some good speakers! First Christian was represented by nine youth.

This Sunday we will have a study session on suicide. This is a serious and growing problem among youth. We need to learn about it so that we can help those who might contemplate this permanent solution to temporary problems.

- Son

SERVING MAY 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York and
Dick Vanderwall

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm-SW, J. Kelly-
NW, V. Brown, J. Briggs

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse-SW, T. York-
NW, S. Knuckles-SE, S. Schell-NE,
J. Ohneck, M. Hamm, R. Mowery, J.
Stucky

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, J. Jones, B. Haines

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jane Hahn

10:45 A.M. Carl & Mildred Linn

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Progressive Class

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A. Creager -

- J. Briggs

M. Hartman - M. Finkhousen

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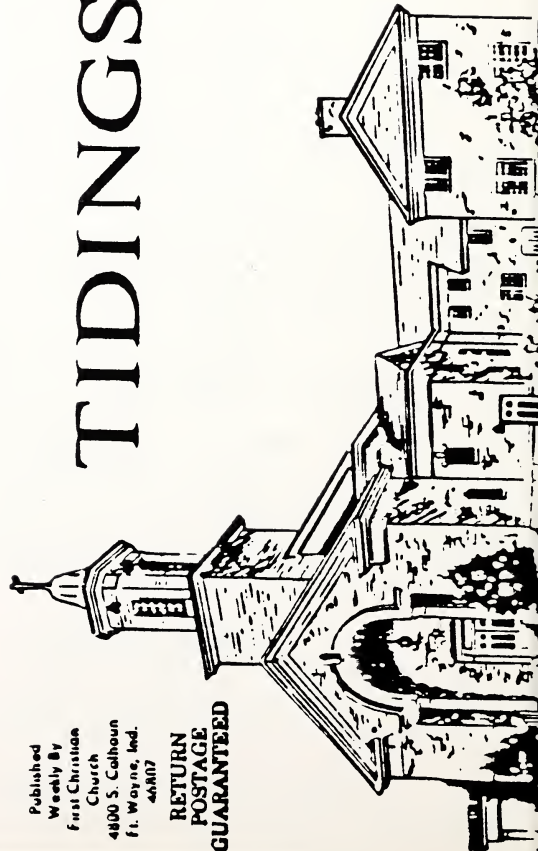
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ELECTION RESULTS - EFFECTIVE JULY, 1984

REPRESENTATIVES OF DEACONESS - Mildred Hutchinson & Bette Haines
REPRESENTATIVES OF DEACONS - Wes Westerfield & Mike Mullen
REPRESENTATIVES OF CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE - Earl Plummer & Connie Wells
MEMBERS OF THE LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Janet Weicker & Vince Wells
REPRESENTATIVES OF ELDERS - Al Creager & Janet Weicker
OFFICERS - Bill Johnson, Moderator; Judy Church, Vice-Moderator
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON - Mindy Hamm, Christian Education; Wayne & Liz
Johnson, Evangelism; Sandy Zimmerman, Lay Personnel; Jerry Zimmerman,
Outreach & Service; Eunice Conrad, Board of Diaconate.
ELDERS - Bud Ludwig, Bill Franklin, Mark Snyder, Pat Mullen
DIACONATE - Eileen Klepfer, Tanya Creager, Mildred Hutchinson, Mary Nov-
achcoff, Tony York, Walter Bowen, Bill Kerley, Jeff Young

CHOIR SUNDAY

First Service will be a regular preaching service at 8:15 a.m.
but second service at 10:45 a.m. will feature music from the choir and
others. This is our annual salute to our fine choir and musicians.
This will be Director Ann Hayes last Sunday with us.

PLANNING RETREAT SATURDAY, JUNE 7

We will have a planning retreat Saturday, June 7, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00
p.m. All committee members will be expected to be present. All other
members of the congregation are cordially invited to take part. We will
be planning the programs for 1984-85. If you have suggestions, bring
them on June 7 or pass them along now to Dick or Don.

WORK DAY AT CAMP BARBEE - May 19, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WORK WEEK AT CAMP BARBEE, JUNE 11-16

A number of jobs need doing at Barbee to get the place ready for
the summer season. If you can help with either of the above occasions,
please call the church office immediately. Skills needed include plumb-
ing, carpentry, electrical, painting, masonry, general labor (such as
leaf raking and clean up). Free meals and lodging - work one, two, or
up to five days!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 13

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MAY 14

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at
Ethel Shroyer's,
4821 Tacoma
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:30 P.M. Teachers Training
Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 15

7:15 P.M. Softball Game at
Lawton #3

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

8:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

THURSDAY, MAY 17

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 16-22

Ethel Birkhold (16)
Jane Vanderwall (16)
John Myers (16)
Sam Hayes (17)
Carolyn Webster (17)
Shannon Jones (18)
Beth Wiltfong (18)
Muriel Wilson (19)
Jack Skelton (19)
Shirley Howell (19)
Earl Snouffer (19)
William A. Houk (19)
Evelyn Kanczuzewski (19)
Viola Gaskill (20)
Hazel Crouse (21)
Bob Hendricks (21)
Bernard Ashe (21)
Amy Hayes (21)
Edwin Day (22)

THANK YOU

My family and I would like to thank Dr. Hamm, Rev. Wiltfong, and Janet Weicker for their many visits and words of encouragement during my recent illness and operation.

Your many calls, cards, and prayers meant so much and were deeply appreciated.

Margaret Snouffer

ODD JOBS???

Scott Keebortz would be interested in doing any odd jobs you might have. Call Scott at 745-3789.

TALENT NEEDED

We will be having a Vaudeville Show along with an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 18. If you have an act or a suggestion, auditions will be at the church on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 for the next several weeks. Come and try out!

NOTICE! NOTICE!

The boycott of Nestle products is over. After a six-year boycott of INFAC (supported by CWF as well), Nestle has agreed to observe the marketing code for infant formula of the World Health Organization.

FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP 5-6-84

Sue, Melissa & Angela Lester, 2633 Stardale; Mr. Cary Gerber, Bluffton, IN; Mrs. Richard Meissner, 38 Bramble Lane, Churchville, MO; Mr. William Meadows, 3406 Three Oaks, Mr. Luz Perez & Son, 317 W. Butler St.; Mr. & Mrs. Don VanTreese, 4445 S. Calhoun St.; Miss Julie Jones.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

As the Indiana primary approaches I am reminded of how personality oriented our electoral process is. And, I am also reminded how foolish it is for Christians to tag this or that individual as God's man or woman for the job.

I admire spiritual confidence. But there is such a thing as overconfidence. Infallible interpreters of the Bible and the times fail to recognize that we all have clay feet, and that none of us completely know the mind of God. In 1976 many with such confidence pointed to Jimmy Carter as God's "born again" candidate. To them God had doubts about Episcopalian Gerald Ford. However, by 1980 many again had the confidence to point out God's candidate; and while Ronald Reagan made no such claims for himself, one group bluntly indicated him as "The Christian Candidate," (Newsweek, Sept. 15, 1980. Page 36). To these folk, President Carter had evidently fallen out of divine favor. I hesitate to think that God was the fickle one!

Political and social issues always need to be examined and judged in the light of the Gospel of God's love. But to attack or defend individuals in God's name is imprudent. Weigh their ideas according to your values, but neither justify nor condemn, because we each fall under the judgement of God - not one another. (Matthew 7:1-2)

- Jon

CYF

Next Sunday, May 13, is a community project. We will sally forth with trash bag in hand, collecting liter in the neighborhood immediately surrounding the church. Come and share in this means of better appreciating the beautiful surroundings, and of enhancing that beauty! Also, CYF people, reserve the morning of May 20 for the CYF Graduate recognition breakfast. Time, place, and other details will be announced later. THEIR WILL BE NO CHI RHO NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 13. WE WILL MEET THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS:

There will be a quarterly teacher's meeting on Monday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Babysitting will be provided.

EXTENDED SESSION FOR 3 AND 4
YEAR OLDS ONLY SUNDAY!

Dick Hamm will be in Buffalo, New York for a special training event in stewardship part of this next week.

DATES FOR THE NEXT FOUR SOFTBALL GAMES: Tuesday, May 15, 7:15 P.M. at Lawton #3; Tuesday, May 22, 9:45 P.M. at Franke Park; Tuesday, June 5, 9:45 P.M. at Franke Park; Tuesday, June 12, 9:45 P.M. at Lawton #3.

SERVING MAY 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

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lin-NW, B. Briggs, T. Briggs

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man-NW, W. Westerfield-SE, R. Krull-
NE, K. Place, B. Wyant, M. Callahan,
E. Klepfer

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, K. Mory, T. York

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jeanne Feltenberger &
Jessie Fern Woodward

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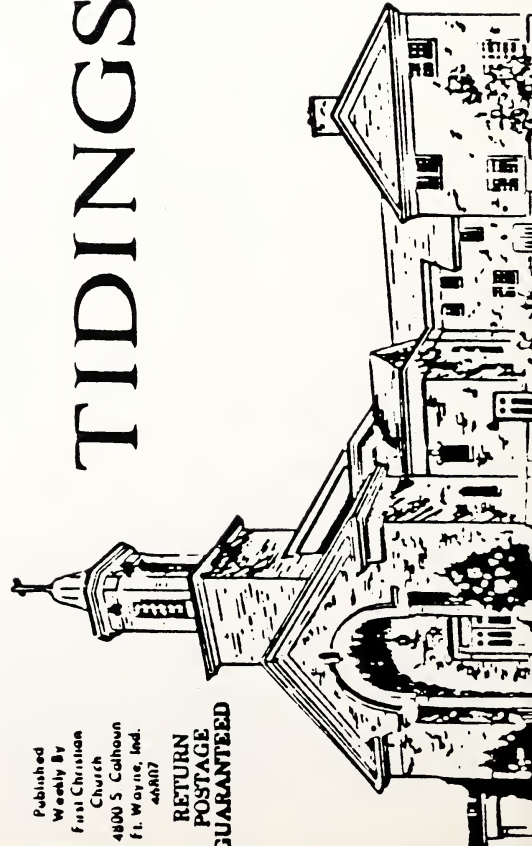
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MAY 20 IS GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY!

The Senior Recognition Breakfast will be this Sunday, May 20 at 7:00 A.M. at the Hall's Restaurant on Bluffton Road. The Graduating Seniors, their families, and the CYF are all invited to attend.

Dr. Hamm will be speaking on "Ooze or Choose."

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On Tuesday, May 22 the following committees will be meeting: Lay Personnel, Christian Education, Evangelism, and Property. Stewardship, Membership, Outreach & Service, Worship, and Personnel will not meet.

PLANNING RETREAT SATURDAY, JUNE 7

We will have a planning retreat Saturday, June 7, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. All committee members will be expected to be present. All other members of the congregation are cordially invited to take part. We will be planning the programs for 1984-85. If you have suggestions, bring them on June 7 or pass them along now to Dick or Don.

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WORK DAY AT CAMP BARBEE - May 19, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WORK WEEK AT CAMP BARBEE, June 11-16

A number of jobs need doing at Barbree to get the place ready for the summer season. If you can help with either of the above occasions, please call the church office immediately. Skills needed include plumbing, carpentry, electrical, painting, masonry, general labor (such as leaf raking and clean up). Free meals and lodging - work one, two, or up to five days!

SOFTBALL GAME - TUESDAY, MAY 22, 9:45 P.M., FRANKE PARK

SUNDAY'S SERMON - "I Have A Dream For First Christian Church"

Scripture: Acts 2:14-17

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 20

7:00 A.M. Senior Recognition
Breakfast at Hall's
on Bluffton Road

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MAY 21

9:00 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group meet in church
parking lot

6:45 P.M. Choir Director Search
Committee Meeting

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:15 P.M. Bread For The World
Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 22

7:15 P.M. Committee Meetings
(See article on front
page to see if your
committee is meeting)

9:45 P.M. Softball Game at Franke

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

8:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

THURSDAY, MAY 24

6:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 23-29

Robert Clipp (23)

Jay Bixenman (23)

Jennifer Byers (23)

Fred Gaskill (24)

Virginia Bruckman (25)

Don Smith (25)

Kenneth Hung (26)

Harold Nordblom (26)

Kristin Byers (26)

Eural Rose (27)

Pat Mullen (28)

Eugene Klepfer (28) Kenneth Allen (29)

Genie Slick (28) Chloe Connor (29)

Carolyn Gardner (29)

CYF

There will be no CYF this week. Come to the Senior Recognition Breakfast.

THANKS

When you see the Church Bus Sunday, you might notice how shiny and bright it looks! Our thanks go to the Briggs family and to the CYF who washed and waxed the beast last Sunday!

ATTENTION MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

We will meet on Monday, May 21 at the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. to go to Mary Lou Hartzler's for a special farewell luncheon for Val Taylor!

Bring salads!!

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

The group will meet at the church, Monday, May 21, 7:15 - 8:45 P.M., all welcome.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 5-13-84

Mable Wheatley, 1040 N. Del., #25, Indianapolis, IN: Mrs. Zola Freeman, 302 W. Washington Center Rd., Apt. B; Mrs. Donald Allen, 811 Kinnaird Avenue.

HELP NEEDED!!!

In order to keep the Coffee Hour going, we need your help! Hosts and Hostesses are needed to volunteer for the coffee hour.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Thanks.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends:

May 20 is not only Graduate Recognition Day, it is also "I Have A Dream Sunday." What are your dreams for First Christian? What programs would you like to see started? What do you hope for our future? Think big!

We need your ideas, hopes, dreams, visions, as input for our planning for 1984-85 and for long range planning. Please think and pray over this and bring your ideas Sunday. We'll provide a means for you to share your ideas!

I have done two continuing education events. The National Evangelism Workshop was super. I learned much that will be directly applicable here at First. As I write this, I am preparing to go to a National Stewardship Workshop which also promises to be highly useful. I try to "do" a couple such events each year in order to stay current and "sharp." Its also a valuable "recharge" to the old spiritual batteries.

It sure is a blessing to know that when I'm here or away I can depend upon such an excellent ministerial partner as Don Wiltfong!

See you Sunday! Remember to dream dreams!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Alcoholics Anonymous is a spiritual fellowship, as one soon learns in reading the "Big Book", A.A.'s guiding text. It is not necessarily a Christian fellowship, for each person speaks of God "as I conceive of him." Many find they must sweep away oppressive or flawed views of a tyrant God learned from friends, parents, and even churches. But God, as each persons comes to conceive of God, is a key element in A.A.'s twelve steps to recovery: steps two and three are: "(We) came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity," and, "(We) made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood him*."

Those who put the Big Book together found, in their broad experience, that this spiritual dimension was an absolute necessity for recovery. One chapter titled "We Agnostics" states: "Were our contentions (that God is not necessary to explain the universe) true, it would follow that life originated out of nothing, means nothing, and procedes nowhere." However, they discovered that "...deep down in every man, woman, and child, is the fundamental idea of God. It may be obscured by calamity, by pomp, by worship of other things, but in some form or another it is there."

This is something they have discovered by experience at the very root of life, in a choice between life or death by their illness. In their adversity they have discovered what many in our secular age miss: God is.

(All quotes are from the Third editions of Alcoholics Anonymous, Published in 1976 by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.). - *Don*

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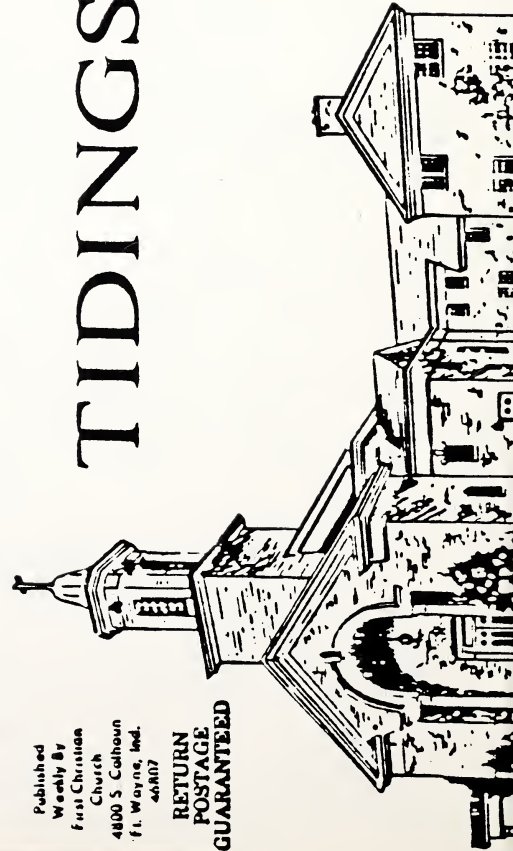
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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Sunday, the following high school seniors were recognized: Sharon and Tim Knuckles, Tony York, A.J. Pratt, and Scott Johnson. God's blessing upon you each!

D.M.A. WAGON WHEEL TRIP

On Tuesday, June 19, the D.M.A. will go to the Wagon Wheel Playhouse to see "Some Enchanted Evening" which features the music of Rodgers & Hammerstein. Cost is \$9.00. Bus leaves 6:45, returns 11:00 p.m. Call the church office immediately to reserve!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 27

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MAY 28

Memorial Day - Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 29

7:00 P.M. Teacher's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

8:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

THURSDAY, MAY 31

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 30-June 5

Larry Busse (30)
Jo Roseberry (30)
Diane Howard (31)
D. Wayne Penny (31)
Arthur Chevalier (1)
Mike McFarland (1)
Ellen Buchanan (2)
Necia Stucker (3)
David Rinker (5)
Morris Swift (5)

CHOIR MEMBERS

If anyone has any choir music still at home, please make sure you turn it in soon!

NOTE

Ethel Flowers, a member of First Christian Church for 40 years and a resident of Fort Wayne until last July, is a patient in a hospital in Hudson, Florida. Henry and Ethel's home is at 2816 Gazebo Court, New Port Richey, Florida 33553.

THANK YOU'S

The family of J.R. Cullen acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Kathryn Cullen

My wife and I would like to thank Rev. Hamm and Rev. Wiltfong and Janet Weicker, and the many others for their visits, cards and prayers.

Homer Stevenson

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 5-20-84

Cliff and Sharon Andersen,
Julie & Jana Andersen, 4006
Blythewood Place; Mr. & Mrs.
C. Hallam, 426 W. Pettit Ave.

YOU ARE INVITED

Dr. & Mrs. James F. Ruble and Mr. & Mrs. Clifford E. Yontz invite you to share in the joy of the marriage uniting their children Brenna Lynn and Timothy Gene. This celebration of love will be Saturday, the ninth of June at 3:00 p.m. at First Christian Church. Reception following the ceremony in the Fellowship Hall.

Don Wiltfong will be on vacation this week.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As I write this Sunday evening, I'm tired from two weeks of conferences but truly afire with enthusiasm! The conferences were great. Dream Sunday was also great....many many dreams and visions were shared. If you were unable to contribute your dreams and visions, please write them down and get them to me this week. This will be great fodder for our planning retreat June 9, and for the Long Range Planning Committee which will begin meeting June 2. The future is bright!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

MEL PHILLIPS TO HOLY LAND

Mel Phillips of Associated Churches, will be taking a tour group to the Holy Land October 16-26. This will be an extraordinary tour as Mel will be lining up interviews with local officials as well as seeing the sights. If interested, call Mel at 432-1521 for further information, or ask Dick Hamm for a brochure.

CLASS PARTY

The class that meets in front of the stage with Dick will have a party at the Westerfields, 4:00 p.m., June 16. RSVP with Wes & Mimi at 485-9351.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, June 2, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., at the church.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST IN THE
SATURDAY EVENING POST

The May/June 84 issue has a very fine, informative story about us as a denomination. Check it out!

YOUTH GROUPS

There will be no Chi Rho or CYF this coming Sunday, May 27.

TEACHER'S MEETING

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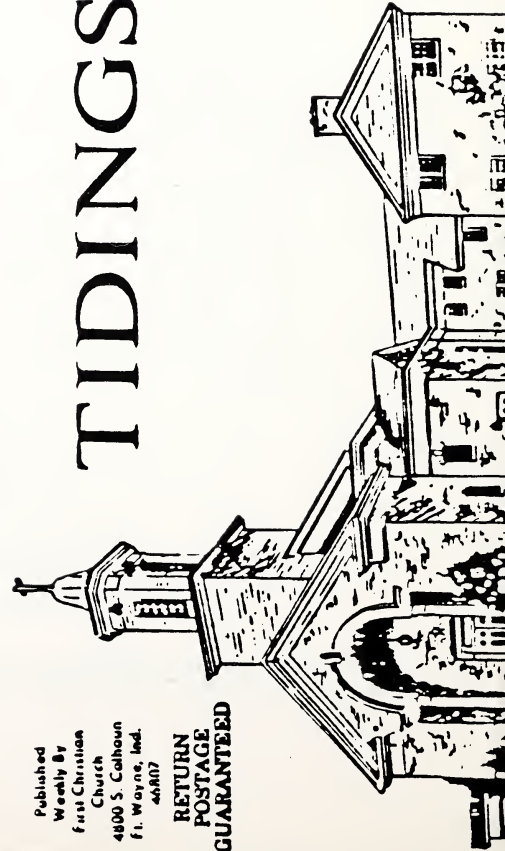
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jewel and Charlie Byrket united with our congregation Sunday. Jewel came by transfer and Charlie by confession. Welcome to you both, long time friends!

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Beginning June 18, secretary Diane Johnson will be in the office 8:00 a.m. - noon, Monday - Friday. The Tidings will be published every two weeks instead of weekly. This schedule will continue until September 4. Please make a note of this information.

AREA I PICNIC

Sunday, June 10, the Disciple Churches of our area will meet at Auburn Christian for a picnic, 3:00 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. Supper will be at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to go on the bus, call the church office. Bring a lawn chair, ball glove if you wish, or other games.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 A.M. Long Range Planning
Committee

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JUNE 4

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

8:30 A.M. D.M.A. to Souder Museum
11:00 A.M. Ruth Group to Atz's on
Tillman Road
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
9:45 P.M. Softball Game at
Franke Park

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
10:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Gwynth
Rice's, 7001 Premiere Dr.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER June 6-12

Ralph Church (6)
Terry Walters (6)
Stanley Cole (7)
Stephan Taulbee (7)
Virginia Snouffer (7)
Pat Bennett (8)
Ron Kiger (8)
Mel Busse (9)
Chad Cline (9)
Virginia Englehart (9)
Clarence Hetrick (9)
Irene Kissinger (9)
Bill Howard (10)
David Johnston (10)
Sally Cotton (10)
Bev Hendricks (12)
Jody Brown (12)

SYMPATHY'S

Rosemary Day's mother died last week. Our prayers are with her and the family.

Muriel Wilson, who moved to Ft. Lauderdale 18 years ago, died last week. Services were Friday by Dr. Hamm at First Christian.

Roy Beal, Gladys Beal's husband, also died last week. Dr. Hamm had the services on Saturday.

We rejoice with Jack & Evelyn Williams who were united in marriage Saturday at the church.

INVITATION

The congregation is invited! To an open house at Ft. Wayne Rescue Mission, Sunday, June 3, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (301 W. Superior Street).

To the Silver Anniversary celebration of First Spanish Christian Church, 700 W. Jefferson St., Gary, Indiana, 3:00 p.m. Sunday, June 10.

ATTENTION BOWLERS

Please contact John Ohneck (447 2833) if you intend on bowling next year. This is imperative if we are to have a League next year. Please contact no later than June 15. Needed 32 bowlers. Every other Friday night.

BOWLING PICNIC

"Bowling Picnic" to be held at the Ohneck's Sunday, July 22. This will be potluck and the Ohneck's will supply the meat. Swimming after if anyone is interested at the Flickinger's. Bring lawn chairs.

John & Kristy Ohneck
4214 Mirada (Southwick Village)

UPDATE ON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Andy Benny is presently working on the staff of the Christian Church of Elwood, IN and is enrolled for classes at Christian Theological Seminary, as she begins work toward a Master of Divinity and eventual ordination. An extensive article about Andy was in the Elwood paper and can be seen on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. I saw Andy at NEW 84 in Louisville, and she looked very happy and enthusiastic.

I had lunch with Chad Cline at Louisville. Chad is enrolled at Brite Divinity School and is working toward a combined Master of Divinity and business administration degree. He is working on the staff of the rapidly growing Plano, Texas Christian Church, while going to school part time.

Scholarship funds for Andy and Chad come from our Memorial Trust Funds. Its one way bequests and memorials to the church work for the Kingdom!

Dick

P.S. Both Andy & Chad send their love to First Christian Church!

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

The late Martin Niemoller was imprisoned in concentration camps for eight years before and during World War II for resisting the Nazi regime. After the war, in a sermon to a European Christian Leader's gathering, he said of the unspeakable evils committed by his nation: "We have no right to pass off all guilt on the evil Nazis.....We have done little to stop the corruption and, above all, we the church failed. For we knew which way was false and which was right, yet let people run unwarned into ruin. I do not exclude myself from this guilt, for I too have kept silent when I should have spoken."

He, like the ancient Hebrew prophets, read the signs of the times and saw the self-destructive evils of his people and of their leaders. He knew that he, as a Christian, was required by God to speak to these national issues, as are Christian leaders today to speak so as to prevent national (and now, international) self destruction.

(Read Ezekiel 3:16-21)

Don

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is coming up! It will be in the mornings during the week of June 25-29. Watch for the beginning of registration.

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PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

June 4 - 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - Tuesday,

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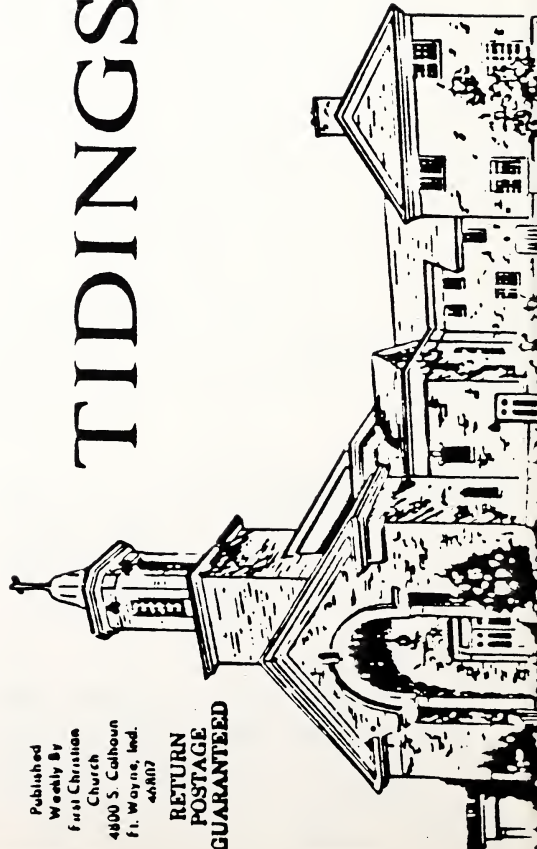
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PLANNING RETREAT SATURDAY, JUNE 9 AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We will have a planning retreat Saturday, June 9, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Church. All committee members will be expected to be present. All other members of the congregation are cordially invited to take part. We will be planning the programs for 1984-85. If you have suggestions, bring them on June 9 or pass them along now to Dick or Don.

Evangelism has already met. Property will meet Tuesday, June 12 at 7:15 p.m.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

The annual All Church Picnic this year will be on Sunday, June 17. We will be meeting at Franke Park, Pavilion #2 (near the zoo and playground area) at 4:00 p.m. Please bring sandwiches, snacks, and cookies to share. Bring sufficient for your family plus one. Drinks will be provided. There will be planned recreation from 4:00 - 5:30 with supper from 5:30 - 6:15 and the afternoon ending with a brief vesper service, from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

ELDERS MEETING CHANGED - The Elders will meet June 20 instead of June 19, 7:15 p.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

9:00 A.M. Planning Retreat

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

3:00 P.M. AREA I PICNIC

7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JUNE 11

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

10:00 A.M. VBS Leadership Meeting

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at Lambrose Steak House on Tillman Road

9:45 P.M. Softball Game at Lawton Park #3

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

8:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER June 13-19

Susan Thompson (13)

Laura Tomes (13)

Mike Watson (14)

Doug Allen (15)

Clinton Crowe (15)

Valetta Parlette (15)

Mary King (16)

Josephine Weyer (16)

Laura McFarland (16)

Andy Cook (17)

Gene Auer (18)

Gary Hall (18)

Fern Kenline (18)

Bernice Montgomery (18)

Gloria Horine (19)

Robert Coleman (19)

Linda Johnstone (19)

Don Parlette (19)

Bill Schilling, Sr. (19)

Esther Whitton (19)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP MEETING

All Craftspeople, Tribal mothers, and all other Bibletimes Marketplace workers are asked to attend a preliminary meeting at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 12. We will be getting organized and arranging the schedule for the week. We hope you are excited to get going!

ATTENTION BOWLERS

Please contact John Ohneck - 447-2833 if you intend on bowling next year. Please contact no later than June 15. Needed 32 bowlers. Every other Friday night!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION!

Registration will begin this Sunday, June 10, for Bibletimes Marketplace Vacation Bible School. VBS will be June 25-29, from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m., and is open to children from age 4 to grade 5. The cost will be \$2 per child, or a maximum of \$5 per family. This year will be totally different from any VBS we have had in the past, with no classbooks or classroom studies. It will be a fun learning experience. Your kids will love it! Questions? Call Mindy Hamm, Rosemary Krull, or Don Wiltfong.

FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP

6-3-84

Miss Diana Davies, 5424 Exeter Drive; Miss Brenda Temple, 4924 Hessen Cassel Road; Mr. Jerry W. Hilbish, 1948 Fox
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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to report that we have received a grant from the Region to have Herb Miller do a Parish Enrichment Conference with us June 30 - July 1. \$500.00 from the Region, plus \$500.00 designated by the Annis Brown family in his memory will pay the cost.

On Saturday, June 30, Herb will meet with several of our program committees. On Sunday, July 1, he will preach, meet with our adult Sunday School classes, and be the program at a fellowship dinner after worship. This conference will help us evaluate our current situation and make plans for the future.

This Sunday is Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Please wear something red to help celebrate!

My deep appreciation goes to you all for the reception on the occasion of my 10th year since ordination. I was totally surprised and really touched. I'm so very thankful to be in Fort Wayne!

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

For a successful Vacation Bible School we still need:

The use of tents, tarpaulins, dining canopies, etc., old sheets and pillowcases.

If you can contribute any of these please contact Mindy Hamm, Rosemary Krull, or Don Wiltfong!

Thanks!

CYF, CHI RHO, AND THOSE ENTERING 5th and 6th grades:

Are you signed up for camp?

Camps are "first come, first serve," and have been known to fill up. Plan your summer fun now! If you need registration forms just contact the office or Don Wiltfong, and we'll get you started.

TO THE MEMBERS AT FIRST:

Thank you for all the support you have given me over the last 4 years. A special thank you to my faithful "singing angels", to the efficient behind-the-scenes workers who kept everything operating smoothly, for the love you poured out as you rehearsed and sang praises to God, and finally, for the gift and dinner at the Factory. I love you and will remember you always!

Ann Hayes

FIRST TIME VISITORS CON'T. - Point Trail; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Treffry, 8035 N.W. Stoddard, Kansas City, MO.

SERVING JUNE 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Pauley and
Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Miriam Bixenman

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Kerley-SW, E.
Snouffer-NW, J. Kelly, J. Hahn
10:45 A.M. L. Finkhousen-SW, M.
Finkhousen-NW, B. Haines-SE, G.
Falbe-NE, R. Krull, D. Harter,
W. Johnson, L. Johnson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, J. Jones, S. Creager

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Gini Brown
10:45 A.M. Dick & Erma Vanderwall

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
EVANGELISM COMMITTEE
COMMUNION PREPARATION
Johnson's & Place's
ACOLYTES

Eric Krull & Mark Zimmerman

BUS DRIVER

Bruce Lehman

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Eric Mory
10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

NOODLES, HOT CEREAL, P-NUT BUTTER

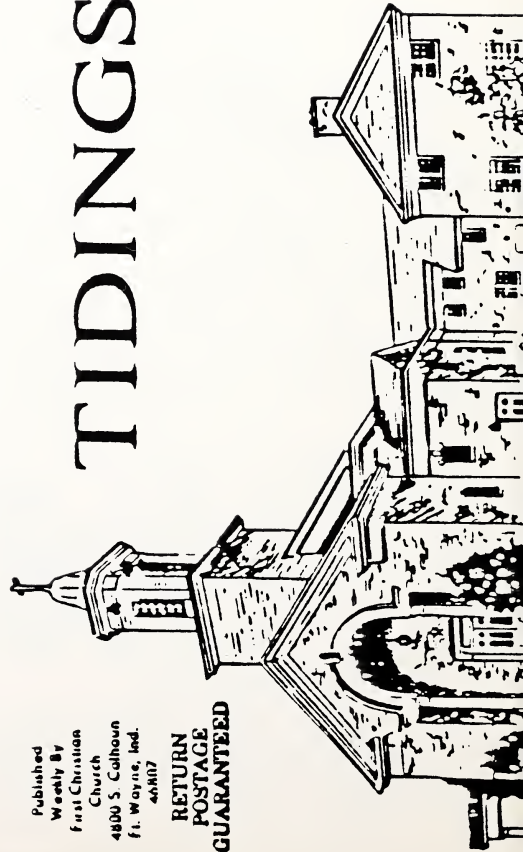
THANK YOU TO THE LADIES OF FIRST
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Thank you so graciously who fur-
nished our family meal after the
funeral, we cannot thank you all
enough. The food was delicious.
Thanking you again.*

Kathryn Cullen

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Jerry Hilbish came transferring his membership from Owassa, Oklahoma. He lives at 1948 Fox Point Trail, 46816. Phone #447-7987. Welcome Jerry!

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

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ALL CHURCH FAMILY

Have you noticed our church family banner recently? To date we have 17 new members since January 1. Have you met them all? Four new babies have been born into our congregation and there have been four children dedicated. Five of our young people graduated this year. We have lost four members by death. There has been one marriage, and to date there are eight anniversaries recorded. These are of couples who have been married 25 years, 50 years, or more than 50 years this year. If you have an anniversary that fits one of these categories during 1984 and your name is not on the banner, please call the church office or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365). Watch our banner for statistics of what is happening within our church family.

REGISTRATION FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A registration table is set up in the fellowship hall for the Bible-times Marketplace Vacation Bible School experience. Sign up before or after church or Sunday School or during coffee hour this Sunday!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
3:30 P.M. ALL CHURCH PICNIC
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JUNE 18

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

6:45 P.M. D.M.A. TO WAGON WHEEL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

7:15 P.M. Elder's Meeting
8:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

7:00 P.M. Deacon's Meeting

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER June 20-26

Joan Penny (20)
Roxy Wunderlich (20)
Orie McDougale (21)
Norma Sterling (21)
Shari Hensch (23)
Jo Flickinger (23)
Henry Flowers (23)
Kurt Schryver (23)
Jack Weicker (23)
LeAnn Ulrich (23)
Mamie Miller (24)
Norma Andrew (26)

SPECTRUM DRAMA GROUP

Spectrum Drama Group is holding auditions for two plays. One serious and one comedy.

Needed are three females and one male.

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P.M. Come and try out!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Can use old sheets, pillow cases, and various forms of shelters and tarps. Help! Contact Mindy Hamm, Rosemary Krull, Don Wiltfong, or the church office!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Elissabeth Ann Olson was born to Becca and Chip Friday, June 8. She's 7 lb. 15 oz, 19 3/4".

FOOD BANK

Did you know that during May, our food bank served 110 individuals-1,155 meals? Seven different churches in our area besides our own, helped supply food. Some of the money donated to the food bank goes to the Associated Churches to purchase food for Fort Wayne food banks. In turn, we get much, much food from the Associated Churches Warehouse. It has been purchased at a much lower cost from ours and other donations sent in. These enable them to buy by the truck load at often less than wholesale prices.

Specific needs in our food bank this month are: HOT CEREAL, CANNED MEATS, CREAM STYLE SOUPS. All help is appreciated!

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JR. YOUTH, CHI RHO, AND CYF CAMPE

Are you registered for the camp of your choice yet? Camps do fill up on a "first come, first served" basis, so get your registrations to the church office.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was very pleased with the results of the Planning Conference last Saturday. Many exciting new programs are on tap for this year.....programs that will reach out to and beyond our own congregation. The Parish Enrichment Conference with Herb Miller on June 30-July 1 will provide more valuable input for our direction as a congregation. I hope every member who is able will plan to be present for the congregational dinner with Herb, noon Sunday, July 1! These are all avenues through which the Holy Spirit is seeking to move us forward.

See you Sunday!

Love, *Dick*

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

There is a lot of talk among those who work with youth about "peer pressure", about how a young person will do things which are potentially harmful or which they do not want to do, in order to gain acceptance among a group of friends. But the basic problem is deeper than just "peer pressure", and it is not a problem restricted to youth.

The basic issue is: Who or what grants us acceptability? What gives us worth? Often it is our friends, parents, children, co-workers, boss, spouse, the T.V., even the legal and political system one lives under. These inevitably exert the pressure of their expectations upon our lives, and we inevitably fail to meet the standards and values of these individuals, institutions, or our culture. The search for acceptability along this path is fruitless.

If however, God is the ultimate source of our worth, and if God finds us acceptable, we can better cope with this struggle of our self-worth. If we are forgiven of our inability to meet external standards - become free to choose those standards and values we ourselves believe in at the very root of our being. After all, that's where God is. "For freedom Christ has set us free; standfast, therefore and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." Gal. 5:1. (Read Gal. 4:1-7)

- *Don*

FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP 6-3-84

Loren Bunell, Dean Wickliffe, Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Indianapolis, IN.

DEACON'S MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 7:00 P.M.

SERVING JUNE 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Pauley and
Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, D. Harter-
NW, B. Grimm, J. Briggs
10:45 A.M. B. Kerley-SW, E. Con-
rad-NW, R. Mowery-SE, P. Tobias-
NE, J. Ohneck, T. York, M.
Crouse, M. Hamm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, B. Haines, K. Mory

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Mark & Pauline Snyder
10:45 A.M. Mike & Pat Mullen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Betty Harter

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Bixenman - R. Mowery
S. Hayes - V. Brown
J. Church - E. Conrad
M. Hartman - R. Krull

COMMUNION PREPARATION

D. Harter, S. Kerley, M. Mullen

ACOLYTES

Scott Creager & Dennis Hendrickson

BUS DRIVER

Brett Lucas

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Jane Hahn
10:45 A.M. Mimi Westerfield

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

252 - Mrs. Nell Roe

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

NOODLES, HOT CEREAL, P-NUT BUTTER

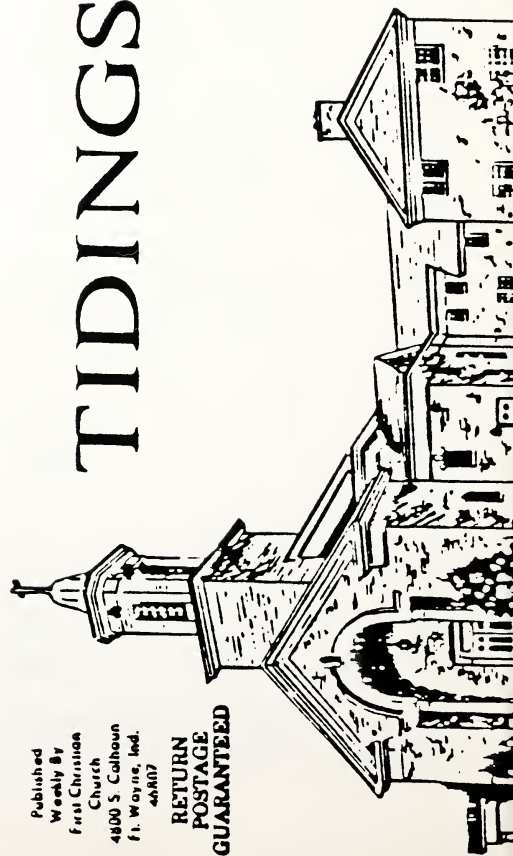
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PARISH ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE - JUNE 30-JULY 1

July 1 Events for the whole congregation include:

*WORSHIP, 8:15 & 10:45 a.m., Herb Miller preaching

*Fellowship Dinner, noon, Sunday (This is catered. \$2.00 for adults, \$1.25 for children under 12. Register at worship this Sunday or call the church office by Thursday, June 28).

Herb will also be meeting with various groups Saturday and Sunday. We will receive a full report of this conference later in July. It will help us assess where we are and make recommendations for future programs and directions.

This conference is made possible by a \$500.00 grant from the Christian Church in Indiana, and \$500.00 given in memory of Ennis Brown. Don't miss Sunday, July 1

NEW COMMITTEES MEETING

The new program committees(worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Property, Outreach & Service, Stewardship, Lay Personnel) will meet on Tuesday, June 26, 7:15 p.m., at the church to finalize plans for 1984-85. Membership will not be meeting.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD MEETING

Tuesday, June 26, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m., at the church. All welcome. Help in the fight against hunger.

CUBS & PHILLIES, AUGUST 1

The church bus will go to Chicago, leaving 8:00 a.m., returning around 10:00 p.m. \$12.00 buys your game ticket and ride. July 9 is the deadline for reservations. Good seats are reserved.

DELEGATES NEEDED

We are entitled to four voting delegates for the Regional Assembly in Indianapolis, November 2-4 (Friday-Sunday). We need three adults and one youth. If you are interested, contact the church office. Some financial assistance is available.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, JULY 10, 7:30 P.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JUNE 25-BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK

7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Choir Director
Search Committee

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

7:15 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

8:00 P.M. SPECTRUM DRAMA GROUP

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER June 27-July 10

Lois Buchanan (27)
George Hosfield (28)
Mildred Linn (28)
Scott Rayl (28)
Thomas Rayl (29)
Karen Buzzard (29)
Mildred Hartman (29)
Cheryl Busse (30)
Schellie Schell (1)
Marilyn Butler (1)
Steve Kreischer (2)
Sue Skelton (2)
Monette Wetzel (2)
Shirley Dibble (3)
Martha Cole (4)
Mai Pauley (5)
Terry Wuthrich (5)
Paul Waugh (5)
Miles Zimmerman (6)
Louis Chasar (7)
Glenna Smith (7)
George Ludwig (8)
Lola Miller (8)
David Griggs (9)
David Kreischer (9)
Helen Sheerin (9)
Janet Myers (9)
Connie Knight (10)
Sandra Meadows (10)

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FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP 6-17-84

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Dickmeyer,
Brown Deer, Wisconsin; The
Jack Schmidt Family, 5533 Till-
man Rd.; Mr. & Mrs. Stuart
Mathis, Lafayette, IN.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Some good news to share!

I established a new young adult Sunday School class this winter and it has taken hold. We average about 12 per week in class with occasional groups of 18. There are a few members who are past young adult, but they lend some breadth to the group. The group also includes several new members of First Christian Church.

A task force met with a consultant last weekend to begin planning for a singles/young adult program at First Christian. This has been a long standing need. It will be fun to watch this program start up and grow.

There are some really fine programs growing out of our planning conference and our "dream Sunday". The need and desire for these programs was confirmed by the Parish Enrichment Conference Surveys. I'll be highlighting some of these new programs over the next few weeks.

We have to walk before we can run, but we are definitely beginning to walk at a brisk pace here at First Christian Church!

Plan to be in church and at the dinner on July 1 with Herb Miller. You'll enjoy it and we'll all learn a lot.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 1

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Congregational Dinner
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JULY 2

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, JULY 5

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Dorothy Schmidt's, 219 W. Sherwood Terrace

SERVING JULY 1

Elders

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig &
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin &
Dick Vanderwall

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, J. Young, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. M. Callahaan-SW, G. Falbe-NW, B. Haines-SE, M. Hamm-NE, L. Finkhousen, M. Finkhousen, B. Kerley, S. Kerley

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Mary Novachcoff & Jane Hahn

10:45 A.M. Eileen Klepfer & Mildred Tharp

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION - July 1

Check your schedule to see if you are to serve!

ACOLYTES

Marsha Busse & Amy Hayes
BUS DRIVER-JOHN BRIGGS

SERVING JUNE 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York and
Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Kelly-SW, B. Briggs-
NW, E. Snouffer, V. Brown
10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, S. Knuck-
les-NW, K. Place-SE, E. Place-NE,
J. Stucky, R. Mowery, J. Franklin,
E. Zimmerman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, S. Creager, J. Jones

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Don & Sarah Smith
10:45 A.M. Mimi & Wes Westerfield

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Betty & Merle Grimm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

D. Harter, S. Kerley, M. Mullen

ACOLYTES

Robbie Critell

BUS DRIVER

Betty Briggs

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Lois Finkhousen

THANK YOU

*Thanks to Elinor Place for baking
and decorating a beautiful cake for
the Area 1 Picnic!*

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

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AT CAMP THIS WEEK:

Chanel Novachcoff, Tammy Davis,
and Heather Chapin.

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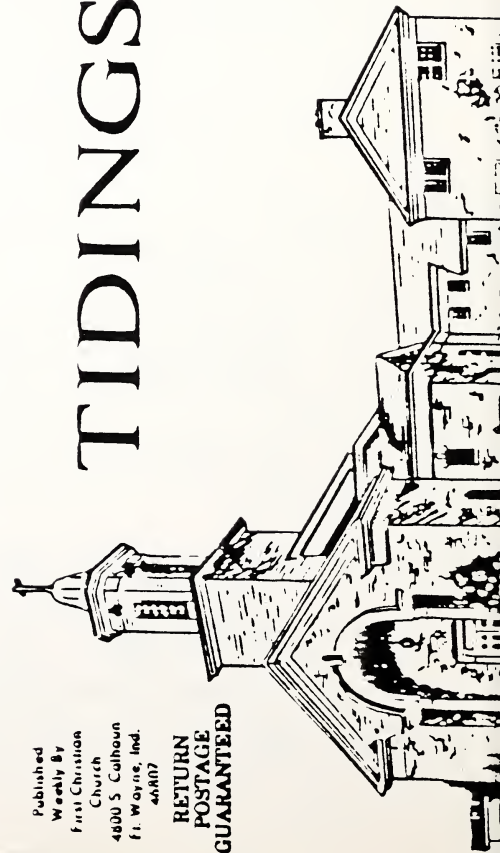
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to have Bill and Jean Chappell transfer their membership to First Christian Church Sunday, June 24. They live at 10411 Antelope 46804, phone number is 432-4730. Welcome!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND TALENT SHOW

Come to the Ice Cream Social and Talent Show on Sunday, July 15. Homemade ice cream with pie or cake and coffee will be served from 4:00-5:15 p.m. with the show following. Proceeds from this event will go to the Food Bank of Fort Wayne through the Associated Churches who purchases food for less than wholesale prices. This food is then distributed among the various food banks, ours included, at no cost. Donations for this entire event is \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children 10 and under. Since proceeds are for a charitable cause, we are asking for donations of 1 gallon of homemade ice cream, frozen and packed in ice, 1 cake, or 2 pies. If you are willing to donate one of these items please call the church office(744-3239) or Miriam Bixenman(745-3365). We need 3 gallons of ice cream and lots of people to attend the event. Reservations made at the church office will be helpful but are not essential.

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WHAT DOES THE CHURCH BELIEVE?

This and other questions about the church will be answered in a class for non-members and members (for anyone interested). The class will meet this Sunday, July 8, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall (downstairs). It will run four weeks. Dr. Hamm will teach. All are welcome!

OFFICER INSTALLATION AND ELDER ORDINATION

There will be a brief installation and ordination service during 10:45 a.m. worship this Sunday. All new officers should plan to be present.

CWF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - Saturday, July 21, 9:30 a.m.

SERVING JULY 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
Mildred Hartman
10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, B. Briggs-
NW, D. Harter, T. York
10:45 A.M. S. Schell-SW, R. Krull-
NW, P. Tobias-SE, M. Mullen-NE, R.
Mowery, E. Zimmerman, J. Ohneck, S.
Knuckles

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, S. Creager, J. Jones

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M. Betty Harter & Walter
Bowen

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Sam & Barb Hayes

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P. Mullen - L. Johnson
R. Church - E. Snouffer
D. Keebortz - E. Klepfer

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Schellie Schell & Kerley's

ACOLYTES

Tammy Davis & Heather Chapin

BUS DRIVER

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Chip Olson

FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP

6-24-84

Mrs. Marie Kirk, Charleston, S.C.;
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Nordblom, York-
town, VA; Rolland & Jean Kloer;
Dave, Risa & Erin Chappell; Rick,
Ronda & Rachael Chappell.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 8

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JULY 9

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at
Edna Vaught's, 4035
Fairfield, Assistant
Hostess-Lucile Welch

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JULY 10

5:30 P.M. Softball Game at Til-
lman #3

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

SUNDAY, JULY 15

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JULY 16

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY JULY 17

7:15 P.M. Softball Game at
Franke Park

SATURDAY, JULY 21

9:30 A.M. CWF EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING

FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP

7-1-84

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Stover, Bryce,
& Alisha, 4221 S. Harrison St.;
Betty Hebbler, St. Paul, MN; Ra-
ndy & Betsy Wilkins, 56579 Co.
Rd. 3, Elkart, IN; Mr. Rich Beil,
Tinley Park, ILL; Miss Barb La-
Guardia, Naperville, ILL; Mr. &
Mrs. Ora Davis; Bobbie Lindsay,
133 W. Sherwood Terrace; Mr.
John Samples, 1607 Birchwood,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

How pleased I am with the turn out for the Parish Enrichment Conference! Surely everyone who was in town came for each event that called for their participation! I deeply appreciate this, and it makes the conference infinitely more accurate and valuable. Herb Miller's report will be in our hands within a couple of weeks, and you'll be hearing about his observations and recommendations!

Wow! What an experience Bibletimes Marketplace was! 61 kids and 45 adults involved. Thanks to all the people who made it happen, including Don and co-directors Rosemary Krull and Mindy Hamm. Everybody seems eager to do it again. Next year, though, I want to find a couple of camels to go with the goats (how 'bout that, Dr. Kerley?).

Well, I'm pretty high right now (even though I'm also pooped!). I believe with all my heart that its going to be an exciting year ahead of us.

We'll have a super special announcement to make in a Sunday or two. See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

THIS WEEK AT CAMP

From July 2 to 7 at Barbee Camp Bruce Lehman has been a counselor and Chanel Novachcoff has been a camper in Jr. High Sports Skills Camp. Lets remember these two in our prayers, that God can work in them and through them during this week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Bibletimes Marketplace was a huge success! 61 children participated in our "village". Many thanks and congratulations go to the 40-plus adult and youth workers!

ALL YOUTH CEDAR POINT TRIP

For those entering 6th grade to those leaving 12th. There will be a bus trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio. On Wednesday, August 8, we will leave the church at 5:45 a.m. so we can be there when the park opens. We will get back around 12:00 or 12:30 the next morning. The cost is \$20 and includes admission to the park, the bus trip over, and our evening meal. You will need to bring a sack lunch and some spending money. WARNING: There are only 32 seats on the bus, and last year it was full! Get your reservations in as early as possible. Make checks payable to First Christian Church.

SERVING JULY 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Al Creager

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hahn-SW, J. Kelly-
NW, V. Brown, J. Ohneck

10:45 A.M. T. Creager-SW, E.
Klepfer-NW, W. Westerfield-SE,
W. Bowen-NE, L. Johnson, W.
Johnson, E. Place, K. Place

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, B. Haines, K. Tobias

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Ellyn & Dave Kreischer

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Beth Wiltfong

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Knuckles & Finkhousen's
ACOLYTES

Jackie Ohneck & Sara Mullen
BUS DRIVER

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Lois Finkhousen

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Mrs. Esther Clipp

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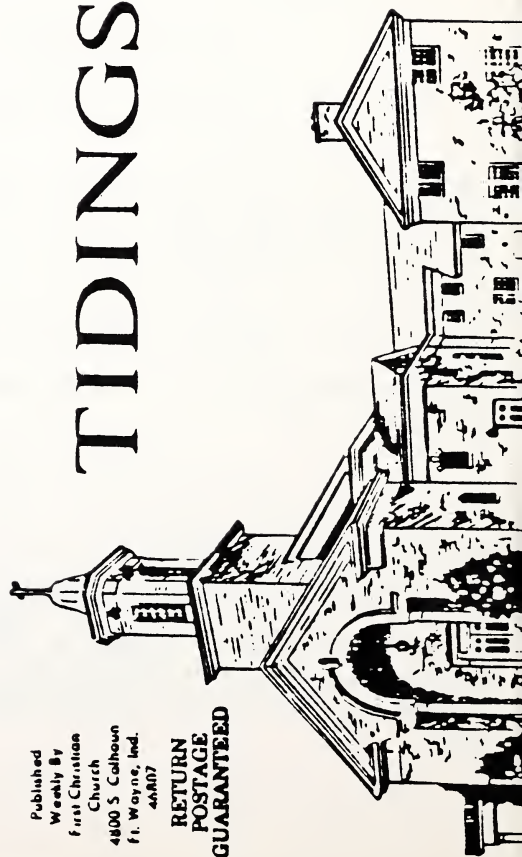
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PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

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HELEN DONNELL CALLED TO BE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Helen will begin with us in September. She comes with wide experience with adult and children's choirs, as well as bell choirs. She served Aldersgate Methodist for seven years, and most recently completed seven years with our sister congregation, West Creighton. She is also director of the Lincoln National Life "Lincoln Choraliers".

She is a "builder" and sees great potential here at First Christian church. We're delighted to have her coming aboard.

Our thanks to the Search Committee: Vee Parlette, Gary Falbe, Dick Underwall, Eileen Klepfer, Janet Weicker, Jerry Zimmerman, and Chip Olson.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

The congregation is responding very well to the letter of July 6, from the Finance Committee. While we are still in arrears, our position is improving. Thank you for your faithful support of the church!

CEDAR POINT TRIP!

August 8, the CYF and Chi Rho youth are packing up and bussing to Ohio for a day at Cedar Point. This trip includes all youth from those entering 6th grade through high school. Have you made your reservations yet? Space is limited, so hurry! Bring a friend! Call the church office (744-3239) if you need a registration form.

VACATION

Don Wiltfong is on vacation through July 29.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, JULY 24 at 7:15 P.M.

SERVING JULY 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Charles Ludwig
10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hahn-SW, J. Kelly-
NW, E. Zimmerman
10:45 A.M. K. Place-SW, E. Place-
NW, W. Johnson-SE, L. Johnson-NE,
W. Bowen, W. Westerfield, E. Klep-
fer, T. Creager

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, B. Haines, K. Tobias

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Marlene Crouse
10:45 A.M. Opal Carper & Mai Pauley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Marilyn Byers

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Snyder - E. Zimmerman
A. Creager - B. Kerley
M. Bixenman - S. Kerley
M. Hartman - B. Grimm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

R. Krull & M. Hutchinson

ACOLYTES

Jennifer Byers & Mark Zimmerman

BUS DRIVER

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bruce Lehman
10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen

Word has come of the death of Audra Looney who attended First Christian several years with her sister Margeurite Quinn. At practically the same time Rufus Quinn lost a sister by death. Both Margeurite and Rufus were active members of First Christian Church before moving to Reynoldsburg, OH.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bob and Beverly Hendricks on the birth of a new granddaughter, Heather King, born to their daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Bob King, in Florida on June 18, 1984.

SYMPATHY

Gene Shirley's father died three weeks ago.

Becky Glasgow's mother died last week.

Dr. Art Chevalier's father, Bob Chevalier, died last week. Services were conducted by Dr. Hamm.

Our prayers are with each of these families.

THANKS

Thanks to Pat Mullen and Mindy Hamm for filling in at the office while Diane Johnson was on vacation.

Thanks to Spectrum and the Membership Committee (especially Places) for a great social and vaudeville show!

SOFTBALL SCHEDULES:

Tuesday, July 24-6:45 P.M. at Lawton #2.

Tuesday, July 31-5:30 P.M. at Tillman #3.

Tuesday, August 7-6:00 P.M. at Franke Park.

THIS WEEK IN CAMP: July 16-21, Jennifer Byers and Bryce Stover are attending Jr. High Camp at Barbee Christian Camp; July 22-28, Bob Briggs, Julie Briggs, Kristen Byers, Eric Mory, Tony York, and Eric Zimmerman are participants in the High School Camp also at Barbee.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends:

Well, I finally feel that summer is beginning.....that is, the more relaxed weeks when not quite so much is going on. Maybe there will now be a little catching-up time. Its been a very hectic but extremely productive spring. I feel very satisfied with our new sense of direction and with our plans for the new year. There are many exciting things coming down the pike!

However, for the moment, I'm content to slow the pace a bit and refresh a little! I hope you are having a refreshing summer.

Sunday, I want to ask a question of you, and I'll give you a couple of minutes to write your answer in worship, but be thinking about it, please. "What is the sermon you would most like to hear?" Or, to put it another way, "What faith problem would you most like addressed?" You may have more than one answer. This will be of great help as Don and I plan our preaching for the next year.

See you Sunday!

Love, *Dick*

P.S. Who will you be inviting to church this week?

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER July 25 - August 7

James Leshner(25)	Dick Mory(1)	<u>SUNDAY, JULY 29</u>
Marianne Howard(25)	Mary Lou Hartzler(1)	8:15 A.M. First Worship
Jeff Johnson(25)	Wanda Howell(1)	9:30 A.M. Church School
Woody Klepfer(26)	Glenn Miller(1)	10:45 A.M. Second Worship
Sue Kiger(26)	Dorothy Morris(2)	7:15 P.M. Prayer Service
Eric Zimmerman(26)	Betty Olson(4)	<u>MONDAY, JULY 30</u>
Mark Pontius(27)	Kathryn Eich(4)	7:00 P.M. Calling Night
Lee Crowell(27)	Ethel King(6)	<u>TUESDAY, JULY 31</u>
Ruth Neal(27)		5:30 P.M. Softball Game at
Kevin Bozarth(28)		Tillman #3
Bette Haines(28)		<u>SUNDAY, JULY 22</u>
Sam Smith(28)		8:15 A.M. First Worship
James Brickley(29)		9:30 A.M. Church School
Lucile Welch(29)		10:45 A.M. Second Worship
Delmas Young(30)		7:15 P.M. Prayer Service
Bonnie Evans(30)		<u>MONDAY, JULY 23</u>
Wilberta Edgington(31)		7:00 P.M. Calling Night
Carl Smith(31)		<u>TUESDAY, JULY 24</u>
Sue Ann Burchill(1)		7:15 P.M. Committee Meetings
Lori Lewis(1)		6:45 P.M. Softball Game at
Robin Hosfield(1)		Lawton #2
Margaret Snouffer(1)		

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1
8:00 A.M. D.M.A. to
Cubs Game

Visitors in worship
on July 15

Mrs. James Hankee,
1227 Sheridan Ct.;
John & Patty Shell-
er, 1234 W. Foster

Phwy.; Mrs. Hazel Maddalone, 4824 Montrose Ave.;
Miss C. Runnels, Park Ridge, ILL; John, Shirley,
& Jeff Stover, R.1, Box 368, Arcadia, IN.; Mr. &
Mrs. Daniel Clay, 2214 Webster.

SERVING JULY 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York and
Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. Chip Olson and
Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm-SW, M. Hutch-
inson-NW, M. Novachcoff, E. Snouf-
fer

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley-SW, S. Ker-
ley-NW, M. Finkhousen-SE, L. Fink-
housen-NE, M. Hamm, B. Haines, G.
Falbe, M. Callahan

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, K. Mory, K. Taylor

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Earl & Ruth Plummer

10:45 A.M. John & Jo Weyer

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Al & Sue Creager

COMMUNION PREPARATION

S. Schell & Kerley's

ACOLYTES

Denay Ohneck & Amy Hayes

BUS DRIVER

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Jane Hahn

10:45 A.M. Mimi Westerfield

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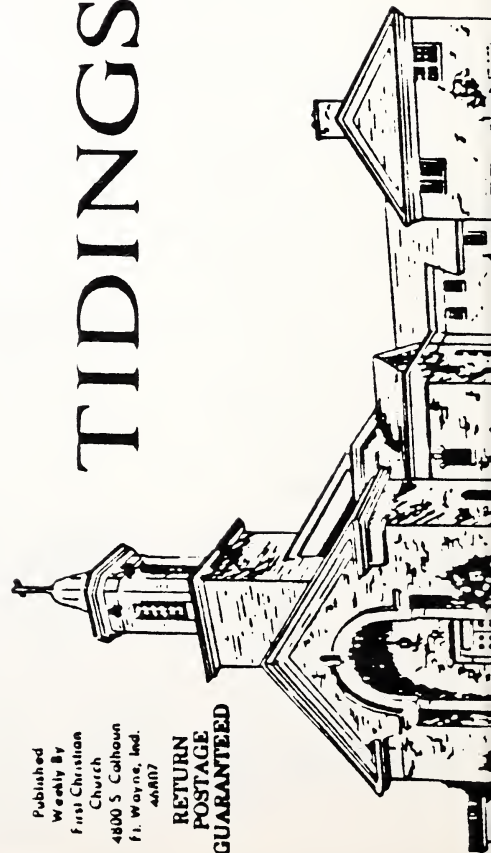
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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Welcome to Dave Arnos, who transferred to First Christian Church from Faith United Church of Christ last Sunday! His address is 331 W. Gump Road 46825. Welcome Dave!

25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The congregation is invited to a reception honoring Bill & Virginia Johnson's 25th Anniversary, Saturday, August 18, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church (where Ginny is Music Director), 2417 Getz Road. No gifts, please!

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The D.M.A. will be going to Marietta, Ohio on Tuesday, August 28, leaving at 6:30 a.m., and returning on Wednesday. See the glass works and historic sights. Stay at the Best Western Motel on Tuesday evening (\$22.00 single, \$15.00 double occ.). Cost is \$30.00 for motor coach (assumes 35 are going). Meals, etc. as you wish. Call the church office (744-3239) to reserve!

VACATION

Dick Hamm will be on vacation beginning Monday, August 6. He'll return Sunday, August 19.

NO AUGUST BOARD MEETING!!

SERVING AUGUST 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and
Miriam Bixenman

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, E. Snouffer-NW, M. Hutchinson, B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. M. Callahan-SW, G. Falbe-NW, B. Haines-SE, M. Hamm-NE, L. Finkhousen, M. Finkhousen, S. Kerley, B. Kerley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, K. Mory, K. Taylor

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. John & Betty Briggs

10:45 A.M. Phyllis Tobias &
Kevin Tobias

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

COMMUNION PREPARATION

E. Snouffer & G. Falbe

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

S. Hayes - G. Falbe

J. Church - J. Ohneck

R. Church - L. Finkhousen

C. Olson - M. Callahan

ACOLYTES

Dennis Hendrickson & Scott Creager

BUS DRIVER

Betty Briggs

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Eric Zimmerman

SYMPATHY

We were saddened to receive word of Ethel Flower's death in Florida. Services were Thursday in Fort Wayne.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER August 8-21

Ronald Elliott (8)

Elizabeth Moody (8)

Betty Briggs (9)

Linda Favory (9)

Joe Manachanh (9)

Charline Craig (10)

Beverly Johnston (10)

Alice Nulff (10)

Marilyn Snouffer (11)

John Ohneck (11)

Krista Rogers (11)

Dennis Andrew (13)

Judith Ferguson (13)

Harriett Weaver (14)

Rebecca Bowman (15)

Bruce Grimm (16)

Lois Finkhousen (18)

Debby Connerly (19)

Julie Bicknell (19)

Nancy Kolkman (20)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

7/22/84 & 7/29/84

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Reinking,
511-G Dori Lynn Dr.; Mr. Richard Rinehart, Delphos, OH;

Mr. & Mrs. John Clevenger,

6804 Baer Rd.; Mr. & Mrs.

Brian Hayes, 4401 Atwood Dr.;

Bradford's, 1006 Nuttman Ave.;

Mrs. Cathy Boys, 447 Lenox;

Mrs. Cheryl Young, 478 Charlotte

Avenue; Melinda Bisel, 1034

Fayette Dr.; Tim Christlieb,

5310 Yorkshire Dr.; Dan & Yvonne

Harter, Indianapolis, IN; Mrs.

Helen Donnell; Mrs. Grace Fenstermacher.

THANKS

To Sandy Zimmerman and Mary Cook who regularly prepare the Tidings for mailing.

WORSHIP HOURS: 8:15 & 10:45 A.M. SUNDAY
SCHOOL: 9:30 A.M. - ALL AGES!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends:

Chuck Babcock, Associate Regional Minister, sends word that our congregation gave \$27,676.00 to Basic Mission Finance (world outreach) last year. That makes us 18th in the nation for congregations of the 251-500 member range! Congratulations.

Here are some of those questions I suggested we should ask ourselves when watching television:

Why am I watching this program?

What are its direct messages?

What are its hidden or indirect messages?

Is there a particular bias?

What in the program is opinion? What is pure fantasy (ask of "news shows" as well as "Star Trek")?

Does the program use trick photography, music or other effects to a particular response in me?

Does this program measure up to my standards as a Christian?

May God help us become intelligent, critical, selective viewers.

Sunday, I'll be preaching a sermon entitled "Risky Business".

Text: Matthew 25:14-30.

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Jesus met two fierce men on the road to Gadara. No one else would walk the road by the graveyard because of these two. Yet Jesus, by his healing power, was able to cast the evil out of them, delivering them from the devils within. The demons, Matthew reports, came out of the men and went into a herd of pigs. The pigs hurled themselves into the sea and were drowned.

The whole town of Gadara turned out to meet Jesus on the road. Because of amazement? To celebrate the end of a community menace? No. To ask, to beg Jesus to leave the area!

If he could clean up these two demoniacs who knows what he might do to the rest of the town! We don't want that much change. After all, our messes are our's, familiar and comfortable. And what embarrassment might he find to do away with in us? Jesus, keep your distance!

So Christ moved on to other towns, to heal wounds that wanted healing.

(Matthew 8:28-34)

- Jon

THANKS

To Van Flickinger, Bob Westerfield, Earl Fusselman, and John Ohneck for installing the wiring for our yard sign.

SERVING AUGUST 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy and Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and
Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, D. Harter-
NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs
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neck-NW, T. York-SE, R. Mowery-NE,
P. Tobias, R. Krull, S. Schell

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terfield, S. Creager, J. Jones

GREETERS

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10:45 A.M. Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman

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Dave & Ellyn Kreischer
COMMUNION PREPARATION

R. Krull & M. Hutchinson

ACOLYTES

Eric Krull & Robbie Critell

BUS DRIVER

Bruce Lehman

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Diane Mory
10:45 A.M. Sandy Zimmerman

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M212 - William Halbrook

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

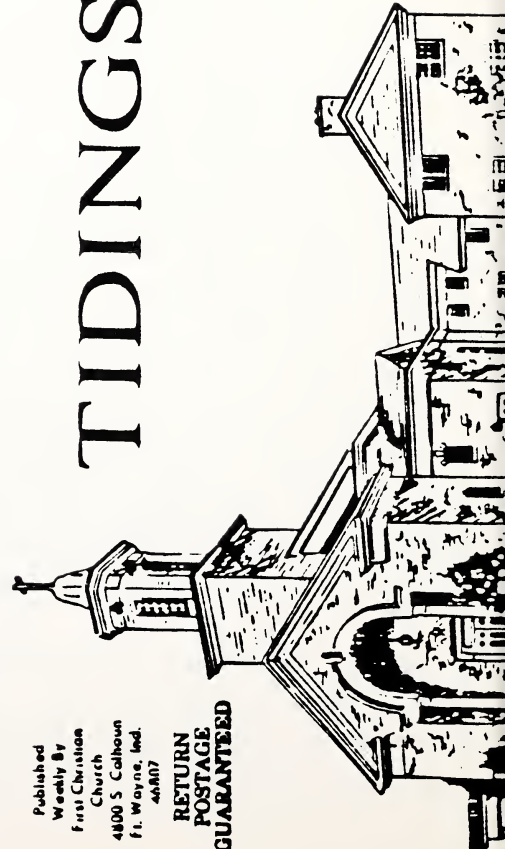
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CONGRATULATIONS

To Mary Day (daughter of Ed and
Rosemary) and Mike Allen, wed on
Saturday by Dr. Hamm!

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AREA I ASSEMBLY INFORMATION - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - SEPTEMBER 16

- 2:30 P.M. Registration
- 3:00 P.M. Program: "Disciples in Mission 84" - With: Sybil Thomas, Robert Friedly and Mary Mitchell
- 5:00 P.M. Mass Choir Rehearsal/Book Browsing/Fellowship
- 5:45 P.M. Dinner
- 6:15 P.M. Business Meeting
- 6:30 P.M. Prelude - Organists from Area I Churches
- 6:45 P.M. Hymn Sing
- 7:00 P.M. Worship Session - Dr. Howard Goodrich, Regional Minister, will bring message
- 8:00 P.M. Benediction

There will be child care for infants and toddlers, and structured programming for all other youth through CYF age.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Tuesday, August 28, 1984 at 7:15 P.M.

SERVING AUGUST 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Mark Snyder
10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Pat Mullen

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, B.
Briggs-NW, D. Harter, M. Novach-
coff
10:45 A.M. S. Schell-SW, M.
Hamm-NW, P. Tobias-SE, M. Mul-
len-NE, R. Mowery, E. Zimmerman,
J. Ohneck, T. York

USHERS

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terfield, S. Creager, J. Jones

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. John & Brenda Kelly
10:45 A.M. Dick & Diane Mory

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

George & Sara Davis

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Ruby Mowery & Tanya Creager

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Jt. Weicker - J. Hahn

B. Franklin - V. Brown

D. Keebortz - J. Hendricks

P. Mullen - M. Finkhousen

ACOLYTES

Robbie Critell & Mark Zimmerman

BUS DRIVER

John Briggs

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Jim Stucky

10:45 A.M. Eric Mory

MISSING?????

Please return a 9x13 glass, blue
and white cake pan taken from the
ice cream social to Carolyn Falbe.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Aug. 22-Sept.

Judy Ford (22)

Laverne Hunt (22)

Michael Johnson (23)

Marie Redman (24)

Diane Morris (24)

Blanche Tucker (24)

John Olson (25)

Mary Higgins (26)

Julie Briggs (26)

Deborah Clifton (27)

Nathan Love (27)

Mary Cook (28)

Nancy Smith (28)

Oakley Baugher (29)

Art Huddleston (29)

Clarence Hendrickson (29)

Miriam Bixenman (30)

Barb Hayes (31)

Gene Shirley (31)

Mildred Jewell (1)

Mildred Sarrazin (1)

Ruby Johns (1)

Thomas Penny (2)

Raymond Sarrazin (2)

Grace Truby (2)

Evelyn Yeoman (2)

Pauline Snyder (3)

Gloria Phillips (4)

Mark Rayl (4)

Richard Skelton (4)

Diane Mory (4)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

8/5/84 & 8/12/84

Susan Caudill, 122 E. Fleming;
Helen Spindler, 5505 S. Wayne;
Mrs. Vickie Hegerfeld, 4613 Eu-
clid Ave.; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Cle-
ments, 1001 Pasadena; Mr. Steven
VanFossen, 6333 Alvarez; Mrs.
John Hayes, 4401 Atwood Dr.;
Mrs. Mary "Sue" Heeren, 218 W.
Pettit Avenue; Miss Kristina
Kreischer, 701 Kinnaird; Mr.
and Mrs. Herbert Jones, 5335
W. Cortara Farms Rd., Tucson, AZ;
Miriam Coil, 340 Burns Blvd.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

A couple of weeks ago Dick preached a good sermon about television and the need to be a critical viewer. I would like to add a few observations of my own as a form of "Amen" to that sermon.

A recent study done by the Gallup organization and the Annenberg School of Communication, as reported in the Christian Century Magazine (July 18-24, 1984), made this statement: ".....television is, in many ways, the common mass ritual of American 'civil religion'. Therefore it should not be surprising to find that general television (as opposed to "religious" television) relates to and cultivates religiosity in its own way". And, the study suggests, "commercial television viewing may supply or supplant (or both) some religious satisfactions and thus lessen the importance of religion for its heavy viewers".

Television shows do indeed contain teaching on right and wrong, good and evil. They also confirm belief systems, like the belief that the good guys, even if they are inept, will win. Television will tell us what is important, what gives life meaning, what it means to be successful, and which deodorant will make us acceptable. In short, if we let it, T.V. will do for us many of the things for which we used to depend on God.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect". Romans 12:2

- *Don*

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:15 P.M. Long Range Planning Comm.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:15 P.M. Pastoral Relations Comm.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

6:30 A.M. D.M.A. leave for Marietta,

Ohio Trip

7:15 P.M. Committee Meetins

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Iva Imbody in the death of her brother in July.

PROMOTION SUNDAY & TEACHER RECOGNITION

September 9 is Promotion Sunday and Teacher Recognition Day. The Sunday School is an important part of our church life, of our witness and ministry. When we teach one another, we carry on a tradition which can be traced to the very earliest days of the church. Let's show our thankfulness and our support for those who make christian education happen: The teachers and students!

SERVING AUGUST 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Laura York
10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Knuckles-SW, V.
Brown-NW, J. Kelly, J. Hahn
10:45 A.M. T. Creager-SW, E.
Klepfer-NW, W. Westerfield-SE,
W. Bowen-NE, L. Johnson, W.
Johnson, E. Place, K. Place

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, B. Haines, K. Tobias

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph & Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Tony York

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COMMUNION PREPARATION

Earl Snouffer & Gary Falbe

ACOLYTES

Jackie & Denay Ohneck

BUS DRIVER

Bill DeVinney

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker
10:45 A.M. Mindy Hamm

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

ICU - Julius Clausen
116 - Clover Branstrator
466 - Elizabeth Halbrook

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Noodles, Hot Cereal, P-Nut Butter

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"We Are Growing"

Richard L. Hamm, Editor

Volume XLI August 29, 1984 No. 30

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jack & Bobby Lindsay transferred their membership from the Lutheran Church in Greenville, Ohio and the Presbyterian in Wyncote, PA. They live at 133 W. Sherwood Terrace 46807, phone-456-5187. Seek them out and bid them welcome!

AREA I ASSEMBLY INFORMATION - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - SEPTEMBER 16

- 2:30 P.M. Registration
- 3:00 P.M. Program: "Disciples in Mission 84" - With: Sybil Thomas, Robert Friedly and Mary Mitchell
- 5:00 P.M. Mass Choir Rehearsal/Book Browsing/Fellowship
- 5:54 P.M. Dinner
- 6:15 P.M. Business Meeting
- 6:30 P.M. Prelude - Organists from Area I Churches
- 6:45 P.M. Hymn Sing
- 7:00 P.M. Worship Session - Dr. Howard Goodrich, Regional Minister, will bring message
- 8:00 P.M. Benediction

There will be child care for infants and toddlers, and structured programming for all other youth through CYF age.

INVITATION

The Congregation is invited to the Installation of the Rev. Howard G. Compton as Pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Sunday, September 9, 7:30 P.M.

COPING WITH CANCER

The American Cancer Society and Lutheran Hospital are co-sponsoring a series of programs to help cancer patients and their families understand and cope with cancer. Call Dick Hamm for details.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED

This year's Regional Assembly will be in Indianapolis, October 2-3 (Friday-Saturday). If you would be interested in serving as a voting delegate, please contact the church office (744-3239).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 7:30 P.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00 P.M. Teachers Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at
Bernice Montgomery's,
716 Archer
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

LOST LIBRARY BOOK

Lost in church building:
child's library book, Philip Hall
Likes Me. I reckon maybe. If
found, please return to church
office.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER SEPTEMBER 5-11

Nila Schilling (5)
Michael Gardiner (6)
Gary York (6)
Pat Norman (7)
Nellie Roe (7)
Marilyn Rayl (8)
Doretha Baker (8)
Kris Ohneck (9)
Valerie Williams (10)
Richard Penny (11)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

NOODLES, HOT CEREAL, INSTANT
POTATOES, CANNED FRUIT

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING

Wednesday, September 5, at
7:00 P.M. Teachers of children and youth Sunday School
Classes will meet to discuss
ongoing issues, and to look at
the year ahead of us.

YOUTH NEWS!

The CYF (High School) and
Chi Rho (Middle School) youth
fellowships will begin meeting
Sunday, September 9. Watch for
more details!

TEACHER/STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY

September 9 has been designated as Teacher/Student Recognition Day. During second service all teachers from last year will be recognized, new teachers will be dedicated and church school children will receive attendance certificates. The teachers will be honored at the coffee hour following the service. Please plan to attend to say "thanks" to this dedicated group of workers.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
8/26/84

Mrs. Marlane Sturm, 9905 St.
Road 101, Monroeville, IN;
Louis & Kate Lepper, 2737 W.
Washington Center Road, Lot #
31; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bowker,
Huntington, IN; Rosalie Bowker,
Taijon, Korea.

Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, and Fireflies

A Christmas, Musical Fantasy Cast: Children, grades K-5
Rehearsals: Thursdays, 5:00-6:00 P.M.
Begins September 6
Bring a Friend!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We are so fortunate to have Helen Donnell on staff as Music Director. Many have responded to her calls for adult choir (32 at last count). Get to know this remarkable lady!

Love,

Dick

BACK TO CHURCH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

To begin our fall educational program parents of all children ages 3 through 5th grade (and their children) are invited to attend a breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, September 9 in Fellowship Hall. This is planned as a time to get acquainted with the children's Church school teachers and curriculum, learn about some of the adult educational opportunities and other fall programs. This breakfast is for both those who attend Sunday School and those who have never been to Sunday School. Reservations are not required, but if you know you will be attending, please call the church office (744-3239) so we can get an estimate of the number to expect. Thank you.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

What is a BACE?

I am using my "space" this week to tell you about a new program Dick and I are developing called BACE (pronounced "Base"). A BACE is a Basic Addult Christian Education - a series of well rounded, in-depth studies under the topics of the Bible, Christian Life, Religious thought, and Church history. Every adult or young person, from age 16 to 160 is welcomed to participate in this life-changing program. A student's completion of 9 courses will be marked with the presentation of a certificate and helpful addition to their reference library.

This is but an outline of the full program. We will be distributing a prospectus for BACE shortly. But, beginning this fall, there will be two BACE courses offered: Dick will be teaching a course on Sunday mornings, beginning September 16, "Ethics for Christian Living"; and beginning Monday, September 24, I will offer "Interpreting the Bible".

Watch for more details on this program, and get involved! Our aim is to provide a BACE for Christian Living!

- Don

A Jubilant Song!

All God's Critturs got a place in the choir! Some sing low and some sing higher, Some sing out loud on the telephone wire, And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got not.

Chancel Choir, August 30, 7:00 P.M.

"Old" members and "New" members are welcomed!

SERVING SEPTEMBER 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and
Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Chip Olson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm-SW, M. Hutch-
inson-NW, J. Young, E. Snouffer
10:45 A.M. B. Kerley-SW, S. Ker-
ley-NW, M. Finkhousen-SE, L. Fink-
housen-NE, M. Hamm, B. Haines, G.
Falbe, M. Callahan

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, K. Mory, K. Taylor

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Ethel Shroyer
10:45 A.M. Rolland & Genevieve Ripple

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill & Ginny Johnson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Ruby Mowery & Tanya Creager

ACOLYTES

Tammy Davis & Heather Chapin

BUS DRIVER

Bill DeVinney

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm
10:45 A.M. Betty Briggs

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

777 - Mr. Julius Clausen
M-211 - Gladys Hoop
M-216 Mr. Bill Caldwell

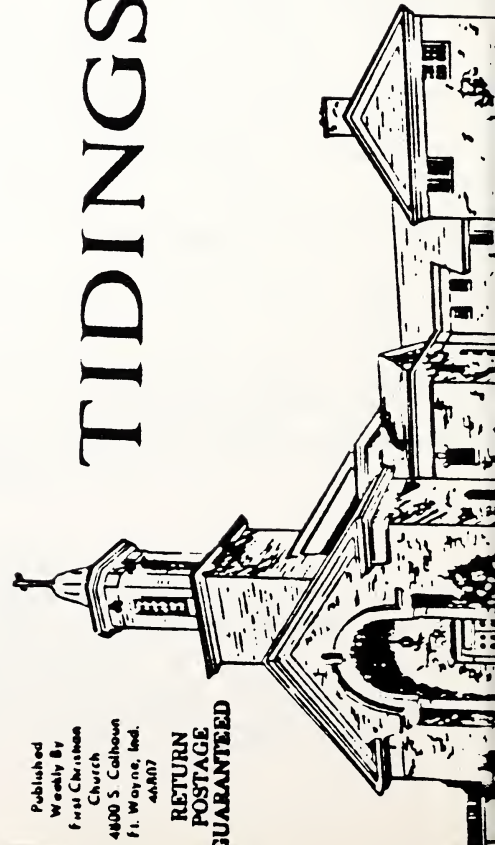
SYMPATHY

*We are saddened at the death of
Clover Branstrator. Our prayers
are with Lucile and the family.*

*Shirley Dibble's sister died in
Wisconsin recently.*

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Two families united with us Sunday! John & Barbara Clevenger came to us from Bristol, Virginia. Jack, Linda, and Brian (Harding junior) Hayes came from Colony Heights Church of Christ here in Fort Wayne. Clevengers live at 6804 Baer Rd. 46809 (747-0627). Hayes live at 4401 Atwood Dr. 46806 (745-7340). Welcome to you all!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

This Sunday - September 9

9:30 Back to Church School Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

For all parents and children 3 years old through 5th grade. Food, fun, singing, and information on fall children's and adult classes! Find out about the Nurture Seals program.

10:45 Teacher/student recognition during worship

Attendance certificates will be given to church school students and token of appreciation will be presented to teachers. There will be a service of dedication for teachers for the coming year.

All teachers will be honored at the coffee hour following worship.

INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP CLASS FOR CHILDREN

Beginning this Sunday, September 9, an "Introduction to Worship" class will be offered to children in the 2nd grade. This course is intended to help bridge the transition from the extended session program to participation in the complete worship service. The class will meet for 6 weeks during the usual extended session period. Please call Mindy Hamm (745-4536) for further information or to register your child for this special class.

A Jubilant Song!

All God's Critturs got a place in the choir! Some sing low and some sing higher, Some sing out loud on the telephone wire, And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now.

Chancel Choir, September 6, 7:00 P.M.

"Old" members and "New" members are welcomed!

Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, and Fireflies

A Christmas, Musical Fantasy

Cast: Children, grades K-5

Rehearsals: Thursdays, 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Begins September 6

Bring a Friend!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Church School Breakfast
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group - Edna Nordblom,
Leader - Chapter 7-Joshua,
Man of Courage - NEW
MEMBERS WELCOME!!

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at Window
Garden Restaurant

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

5:00 P.M. Children's Choir, Angels,
Lambs, Ladybugs, & Fire-
flies

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER September 12-18

Rita Alexander (12)
Barbara Finkhousen (12)
Nancy Geiselman (12)
Deann Halbrook (12)
Margo Parlette (12)
Ruth Plummer (12)
Sandy Zimmerman (12)
Edith Varner (13)
Earl Stearns (13)
Beulah Timmons (13)
Marvel Brickley (15)
Edna Nordblom (15)
Almeda Rice (15)
Tracey Kiessling (15)
Bruce Lehman (16)
Elna Taylor (16)
Mindy Hamm (16)
Tom Asbury (17)
Debra White (17)

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS!

Both the Chi Rho and CYF (middle school and high school) youth groups will meet this Sunday, September 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the church. We will be preparing for the Area I Assembly, which is September 16, and will begin to shape the coming year's activities. You need to be there!

BACE Begins!

Designed for everyone from 16 upward, there will be two Basic Adult Christian Education classes offered this fall. Dick Hamm will teach "Ethics for Christian Living" Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall beginning September 16. Don Wiltfong will lead "Interpreting the Bible" Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., beginning September 19 (this is a change from what was announced last week). Come and take part in this exciting program!

ATTENTION DEACONS

For our upcoming study groups, you will need a copy of Herb Miller's "Tools For Active Christians". If you do not have a copy, you may purchase one this Sunday from Eunice for \$5.95 (make checks to FCC). Spouses are also welcome to these meetings (only one book needed per family).

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

NOODLES, HOT CEREAL, INSTANT
POTATOES, CANNED FRUIT

COPING WITH CANCER

The American Cancer Society and Lutheran Hospital are co-sponsoring a series of programs to help cancer patients and their families understand and cope with cancer. Call Dick Hamm for details.

FALL RETREAT - September 20, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Rochester, IN

Sister Teresa Mount, Keynoter on "The Spirit Within & Beyond". Anyone interested in attending, registrations are due September 11, fee is \$6.00. Contact Kris Ohneck (447-2833).

Women & Money Workshop - Saturday, October 13 at Zionsville Christian Church, Zionsville, IN from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Registration is \$4.00 - payable at luncheon, registrations due Monday, October 1. If interested in attending let Kris Ohneck know at 447-2833.

LADIES - SEE you on September 23, 1984 at 3:00 p.m. for tea sponsored by CWF - fun & fellowship - call church office at 744-3239.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

This is Christian Education week at First Christian Church, and this fall there is something for everybody! Besides the Sunday School, which has classes for all ages, this week will mark the beginning of youth group meetings for 1984-85. With the Sunday School Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings for families with children age 3 to grade 5, we will launch the "Nurture Seal" program. (You'll have to come to find out what that is!) And in the next few weeks, two BACE (Basic Adult Christian Education) classes will begin, one during the Sunday School hour and one on Wednesday evenings.

Why all this activity? Because Christian Education isn't just kid's stuff. Christian Education is learning to live under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Christian Education is a continuing process of growing toward God. The Christian in Christian Education is you!

"...We are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ...."
(Eph. 4:15)

- *Don*

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

9/2/84

Mrs. Karen McMeekin & Jennifer & Jessica, 7408-B Mill Run; Anne Lindsay, 8519 Ernag, Athens, GA; Rev. & Mrs. Harold Ranes, 5330 S. Calhoun, Paul & Valerie Shankland, Indianapolis, IN.

AREA I ASSEMBLY - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Begins at 2:30 p.m. with registration. 3:00 P.M. starts the Program: "Disciples in Mission 84". There will be child care for infants and toddlers, and structured programming for all other youth through CYF age.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
Charles Ludwig
10:45 A.M. Al Creager and
Dick Vanderwall

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hahn-SW, J. Kelly-
NW, V. Brown
10:45 A.M. K. Place-SW, E. Place-
NW, W. Johnson-SE, L. Johnson-NE,
W. Bowen, W. Westerfield, E. Klep-
fer, T. Creager

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, B. Haines, K. Tobias

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Bill & Myrtle DeVinney
10:45 A.M. Mabel Watson/Grace Truby

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Christian Education Committee
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Vanderwall - P. Tobias
P. Mullen - M. Novachcoff
B. Ludwig - M. Hutchinson
M. Hartman - M. Crouse

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer & Eunice Conrad
ACOLYTES

Jennifer Byers & Scott Creager
BUS DRIVER

Bruce Lehman

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bruce Lehman
10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall

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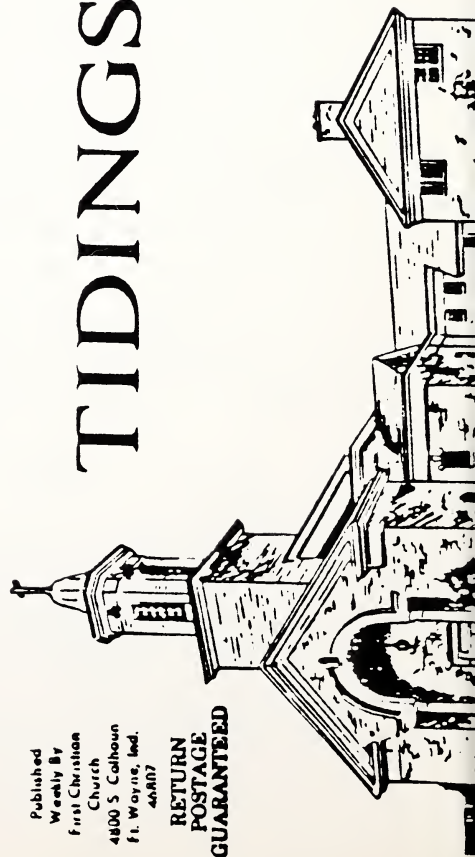
777 - Mr. Julius Clausen
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M-209 - Miriam Bixenman

PARKVIEW:

405 - Marge Lehman
ST. JOSEPEH:
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Stovers; Ray, Linda, Bryce, and Alisa, came to us from the Christian Church in Elwood. They live at 4221 S. Harrison Street 46807, phone - 745-0252. Welcome aboard!

D.M.A. TO INDIANAPOLIS

The Don't Mention Age Group (open to everyone), will be going to Indianapolis, Tuesday, September 18, 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., to tour our church's national headquarters and Christian Theological Seminary. The cost is \$5.00 for bus fare, plus meals you purchase along the way. This is an excellent way to learn about the Christian Church's wider work!

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7:00 p.m. Worship Session - Dr. Howard Goodrich, Regional Minister,
will bring message

8:00 p.m. Benediction

There will be child care for infants and toddlers, and structured programming for all other youth through CYF age.

CWF TO EMILY FLINN HOME

On Thursday, October 18, at 9:00 a.m. the CWF will go to the Emily Flinn Home. We will meet at the church. Lunch is \$3.00. For reservations, call Gini Brown (447-1637) or the church office (744-3239) by October 11!

CWF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 9:00 a.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 A.M. CWF Executive Board
Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:30 P.M. Area I Assembly

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at
Opal Perkins, 701
Ewing, Apt. 312,
Bldg. C

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 A.M. D.M.A. to Indianapolis

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:00 P.M. Children's Choir, Angels,
Lambs, Ladybugs, & Fire-
flies

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER September 19-25

Warren Webster (21)

Jane Hahn (22)

Tom Harter (22)

Randy Lewis (22)

Mary Wilhelm (23)

Cora McKinney (23)

Forrest Smith (24)

Edith Roush (24)

James Leshner (25)

Marianne Howard (25)

Jeff Johnson (25)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

9/9/84

Jim Sablic, 7257 Lakeridge Drive,
Patricia Waddell, 4540 Kenilworth,
Greg Allen, 1304 Three Rivers,
North.

ATTENTION DEACONS

For our upcoming study groups,
you will need a copy of Herb
Miller's "Tools For Active
Christians". If you do not
have a copy, you may purchase
one this Sunday from Eunice
for \$5.95 (make checks to FCC).
Spouses are also welcome to these
meetings (only one book needed
per family).

SECRET PLACE AVAILABLE

Daily devotions are a real
resource for the Christian
life, and Secret Place is a
great daily devotional booklet.
Only 60¢, copies are available
in the narthex, or the office.
Get your copy this week!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joe & Cindy
Snouffer, united in marriage
Saturday, September 8. Dr.
Hamm presided.

LADIES

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Sister Teresa Mount, Keynoter
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Anyone interested in attending,
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Ohneck (447-2833).

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TWO BACE CLASSES OFFERED

Beginning September 16, Dick Hamm will teach a class in "Ethics for Christian Living" at 9:30 on Sunday mornings, the Sunday School hour. It will continue until before Christmas. This will be a serious look at personal morality, the moral responsibility of the church, and the ethics of selected social problems.

On Wednesday, September 19, Don Wiltfong will offer a course entitled "Interpreting the Bible". The classes will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will run for ten weeks. The study is designed to help Christians develop their understanding of what the Bible is and to learn the skills which will help them read the Bible with understanding and with meaning for their life. Texts for the class will cost \$10.65 for each individual or couple.

Additional classes to be offered this spring include: "An Introduction to the New Testament", "An Introduction to the Old Testament", and "The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and its heritage".

ALL YOUTH

Middle school and high school youth are encouraged to participate in the Area I Assembly here at First Christian Church this Sunday, the 16th. Registration begins at 2:30 p.m. We will join kids from the other churches in Area I in a program to include a film, discussion, and a show made up of talent, more or less, from each church. Normal (?) Chi Rho and CYF meetings will resume September 23 at 5:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL EMPHASIS!

This Sunday, September 16, begins our "Nurture Seals" program for the Beginners, Primary, and Juniors Sunday School Classes. One of the most important tasks of the church is the nurturing of children into the Christian faith. At First Christian Church we are asking the staff, the Sunday School teachers, and all parents to accept the challenge of nurturing the children of today toward becoming adults in relationship with God through Jesus Christ. The Nurture Seals program is designed to motivate children to come to Sunday School, to discover it as fun, and to develop a Sunday School "habit".

Each child has the opportunity to earn five "nurture seals" a week by promptness, attendance, and participation in the Sunday School opening (Reading Readiness to the 6th grade), and in the Sunday School classes. At the end of the eleven week program the children can turn in their collection of seals for an award of their choice, which includes Bible games and puzzles, Christian books, and a "First Christian Church" T-Shirt.

Rediscover Sunday School this Sunday!

Note: New address for Ben Taylor family: 623 Worchester Drive. Lexington, KY 40503

SERVING SEPTEMBER 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and
Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Harter-SW, M.
Novachcoff-NW, J. Briggs, B.
Briggs

10:45 A.M. M. Callahan-SW, T.
York-NW, P. Tobias-SE, M. Hamm-
NE, L. Finkhousen, M. Finkhousen,
S. Kerley, B. Kerley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, S. Creager, J. Jones

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Mary Sue & Chas. Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Harold & Edna Nordblom

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Amy Hayes & Sara Mullen

BUS DRIVER

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8:15 A.M. Jane Hahn

10:45 A.M. Ken Perkins

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-211 - Gladys Hoop

M-209 - Miriam Bixenman

PARKVIEW:

405 - Marge Lehman

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A.C.E. PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Although both classes have started, you may still join either BACE
class:

1. Sundays, 9:30 a.m., fellowship hall, "Ethics for Christian Living" with Dr. Hamm.
2. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., conference room, "Interpreting the Bible" with Rev. Wiltfong.

WEDNESDAY, AFTERNOON STUDY GROUP FORMING

The group will study Bruce Larson's book, "The Whole Christian",
Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., babysitting provided. Call Rosie Krull at
32-6181 or Nancy Smith at 447-9679 for more information. All women are
welcome!

RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

This (September 23) is Reconciliation Sunday: one of six special
offerings for world outreach through the year. The focus of the Recon-
ciliation Program is race relations and poverty programs. The Christian
Church supports many projects across the country which help people to
lift themselves out of poverty and which create better relationships be-
tween racial groups. Examples of these programs are high lighted in
materials that will be in your worship bulletin this week. Be a partner
in hope: give to Reconciliation!

**Partnership
in
Hope**

✠ Reconciliation

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
3:00 P.M. C.W.F. Tea
4:30 P.M. Acolyte Training
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
Meeting
7:15 P.M. Committee Meetings

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

5:00 P.M. Children's Choir, Angels,
Lambs, Ladybugs, & Fire-
flies
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER September 26-Oct.

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Virginia Parker-Reimer (26)
Dorothy Overmyer (26)
Paul Dunham (28)
Ellyn Kreischer (28)
John Briggs (29)
Doris Sauerwein (29)
Ralph Richards (29)
Gerry Hendrickson (1)
Ruby Pomeroy (1)
Jim Stucky (1)
Marjorie Copeland (1)
Fred Grier (1)
Anna Taylor (2)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

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POTATOES, CANNED FRUIT

LOST: A single key, Sunday, Sep-
tember 9, if found, please turn
it in to the church office!

NOTE: If you loaned your tent
or canopy for Vacation Bible
School and find you have extra
poles that aren't yours, please
let the church office know!

LADIES: See you on September
23, 1984 at 3:00 p.m. for a
tea sponsored by CWF - fun &
fellowship - call church of-
fice at 744-3239.

C.W.F.

The C.W.F. will be going to
the Emily Flinn Home on Thurs-
day, October 18, at 9:00 a.m.

Meet at the church. Lunch
will cost \$3.00. Call reser-
vations by October 1 to 447-
1637 or 744-3239.

Daybreak, Inc., temporary
shelter for children in danger
of abuse or neglect, will be
forced to close if it can't
raise \$93,000 by September 30.
Send donations to Help Daybreak
P.O. 13427, Fort Wayne, In.,
46869.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
9-16-84

Mr. James Ganaway, 1805 Sham-
rock Road; Mrs. Laura Calloway,
1816 Smeat St., Logansport, IN;
Missy Dailey, 8656 E. Dane Dr.;
Mrs. Sherry Lytle, 311 S. Cor-
nell; Ellen Graham, 4221 S. Har-
rison St.; Joe Yerskey, 3130
Smith Road.

CHI RHO AND CYF

will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the
church this Sunday! All middle
school and high school youth
are invited to attend!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Isn't it exciting to hear our fabulous choir? The kids are putting together a great Christmas Musical, too. Our music staff and volunteers are doing a great job.

Mindy and I will be going to Israel and Egypt, September 25-October . This will be an important experience for me as a Bible teacher and preacher, and as a person of faith. I'm not taking a group, I'm going for my own continuing education.

Thanks to all who contributed to the parking lot fund. We received enough to complete the work. What a great congregation!

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

"In the beginning was the Word", reported a British newspaper; "and the word was too long". It was talking about the British edition of the Reader's Digest condensed Bible, published first in America in 1982. In explanation of the new book, the Readers Digest editor said, "The Bible is not read as much as people think it is, and the reason is simply that it is too long and complex".

Some people wholeheartedly endorsed the brief Bible when it was published. Some denounced it as hearsay. I think something was gained and something lost.

The Bible is a difficult book, and those who publish, write, or teach should strive to make it more accessible to all people.

But the Bible, as a whole, is a book that requires wrestling. Taking out repetition, dispensable rhetoric, and material of "reduced relevance" might make it a more readable story that one can finish in a couple of sittings.

But dealing with the Bible text by text, day by day, is also important. Careful reading will reveal a texture and a rootedness in life that a rapid skimming will totally miss.

Informed Bible study is not simple. Informed Bible Study is life changing - allow the Bible to "in-form" you!

- Don

THE FOLLOWING NAMES WERE OMITTED FROM THE BIRTHDAY LIST LAST WEEK:

Ruth Eiler (19), Virginia Brown (19), Mary Novachcoff (19), Rosalie Hall (20), and Klark Kerley (20).

SERVING SEPTEMBER 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, E.

Conrad-NW, B. Grimm, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. M. Callahan-SW, T. York-
NW, P. Tobias-SE, M. Hamm-NE, L.
Finkhousen, M. Finkhousen, S. Ker-
ley, B. Kerley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, K. Mory, K. Taylor

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Beulah Timmons/Sarah Smith

10:45 A.M. Mildred Hogg/Bernice Mont-
gomery

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Kenneth & Elinor Place

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Snyder - W. Bowen

A. Creager - T. Creager

D. Keebortz - B. Briggs

L. York - S. Schell

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Gini Brown & Eric Zimmerman

ACOLYTES

Dennis Hendrickson & Marsha Busse

BUS DRIVER

John Briggs

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York

10:45 A.M. Bob Briggs

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

467 - Mrs. Ruby Mowery

ST. JOSEPH:

413 - Mrs. Opal Perkins

605 - Mr. Bueford Tharp

PARKVIEW:

405 - Mrs. Marge Lehman

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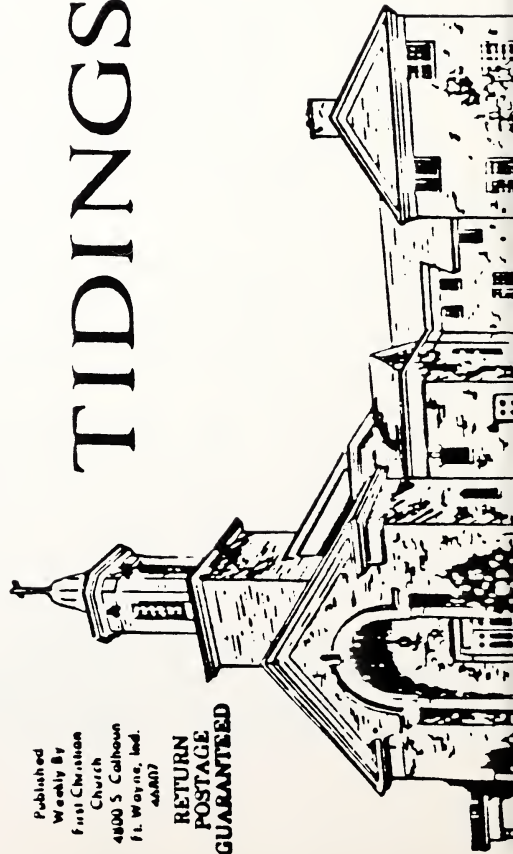
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DON'T MENTION AGE TO ROCKVILLE

The congregation is cordially invited to go to the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival by motor coach on Tuesday, October 16. Cost is \$16.00. For more information, or to sign up, call Genevieve Ripple at 440-0584. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

At noon Sunday, October 7, the congregation will meet for a chicken luncheon (\$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for children under 12) to consider the 1985 budget. Plan now to attend.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON STUDY GROUP FORMING

The group will study Bruce Larson's Book, "The Whole Christian", Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., starting on October 3. Babysitting will be provided. Call Rosie Krull at 432-6181 or Nancy Smith at 447-9679 for more information. All women are welcome!

MISSIONARY PROGRAM AT WEST CREIGHTON

Our sister congregation will host Rev. and Mrs. David Wells, on furlough from Thailand, in the church lounge, Wednesday, October 3, 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 845 W. Creighton Avenue. Please call 744-4950 if you plan to attend.

AREA MEN'S GATHERING

All men are invited to First Christian, Auburn, for a soup and snack supper October 14, 6:30 p.m. Chuck Babcock, our Associate Regional Minister will bring the program. Call the church office if you wish to go and we'll pool transportation. Spouses are welcome, too.

DICK'S CLASS

Class members are invited to visit another adult class of their choosing.

CARDIO-VASCULAR SUPPORT GROUP

Have you, or someone you love, had heart surgery. Then you know there is alot of emotional "fall-out" from such an event. Join our cardio-vascular support group, each first Wednesday of the month (October 3), 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. We meet in the parlor. Come and check it out.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

1:00 P.M. Wednesday Afternoon
Study Group
3:00 P.M. Cardio-vascular
Group

7:30 P.M. BACE Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at
Almeda Rice's,
3402 River Forest
5:00 P.M. Children's Choir, Angels,
Lambs, Ladybugs, & Fire-
flies
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER October 3-9-

Bruce Stone (3)
Becky Stucky (3)
Kathlyn Banet (4)
Tim Evans (4)
Jean McGrew (5)
Doug Rogers (5)
Brian Hayes (5)
Earl Plummer (6)
Ruby Kolkman (7)
Bryce Stover (7)
Eileen Klepfer (8)
Joseph Overmyer (9)
Bill Johnson (9)

Bert Leversee (9/22) was omitted
from the Tidings list.

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SYMPATHY

Fran Eckert's sister passed
away last week in South Whitley.

THANK YOU'S

My sincere appreciation for
the many prayers, visits and
cards during my recent hospi-
tal stay. Real Christian love
is very good medicine. Spe-
cial thanks to Dr. Hamm, Rev.
Wiltfong, and Janet Weicker
for their prayers and encour-
aging words.

William Caldwell

I want to thank all of my
church family for their many
cards, visits, and prayers
while I was in the hospital
and since I have returned home.
A special "thank you" to Dick,
Don, and Janet for their fre-
quent visits and prayers and
to Mildred Hartman and Laura
York for bringing homebound
communion. When I came to
Fort Wayne more than 16 years
ago, I knew that First Christ-
ian Church would be my church
home, but never did I suspect
the loving kindness of the
true church family I would
find here. God bless you, one
and all.

Miriam Bixenman

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

9/23/84

Mark & Laurie Summers, 110
E. Paulding Road; Meliss Free-
man; Steven & Judy Evans, 1132
Nuttman; Mr. & Mrs. George M.
Smith, Indianapolis, IN; Miss
Laura Calder, 4901 S. Hanna;
Debbie Adams, New Carlisle, OH.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, Mindy & I should be somewhere in Israel. As we prepare to leave tomorrow morning, we find sleep is difficult but energy is in abundance! The only problem about going just now is we will miss what are usually 11 of the nicest days in Indiana. I hope you are enjoying this beautiful early fall time.

We intend to bring back enough pictures to provide illustrations for every future Bible class I teach and to generally make everyone wish we hadn't made the trip!

Love,
Dick

P.S. There are a few copies of my "Politics & Religion" sermon available in the narthex, for those who wish a copy.

MUSIC NOTES:

The Chancel Choir has a solid membership of 32, which means we need both sides of the Chancel, and more choir robes! There is reason to expect a few more singers by Christmas, and no longer even without the benefit of a lively imagination, do I limit either the musical or numerical possibilities for the group!

The Children's Choir numbers 27 wiggly, happy singers, with the promise of a few more after soccer season! We are about ready to assign the speaking parts of Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, and Fireflies, and in three weeks the children have not only memorized the opening of the musical, but a hymn and a benediction. I am very grateful for Vee Parlette, superb accompanist, Pat Mullen, efficient choir mother, and Pauline and Mark Snyder, lovable choir grandparents.

The Bell Choir will have its first practice October 7 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. It will be a combination of both former choirs, 11 ringers, so that all three octaves of bells can be used. Jim Stucky has agreed to build 4 sturdy 6 feet tables with adjustable legs so that the choir can ring either from the Chancel or balcony. This choir has a desperate need to be properly equipped -- an additional 2 inches of foam, music stands, and table covers.

Thank you for your prayers and your encouragement. There is no limit to dreams coming true with that kind of support. *Helen*

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - High School Students: Put these dates on your calendar! October 26, 27, and 28 will be the retreat at Barbee Camp and Conference Center. There we will work together on plans for the rest of the year, and have fun, fellowship, and a program for growth.

Regular CYF this week - we need to start work on plans for Halloween!

CHI RHO - the middle school youth group will meet Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

See you there!

SERVING SEPTEMBER 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Chip Olson and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, R. Mow-
ery-NW, J. Hahn, J. Kelly
10:45 A.M. T. Creager-SW, E.
Klepfer-NW, W. Westerfield-SE,
W. Bowen-NE, L. Johnson, W. John-
son, E. Place, K. Place

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, K. Tobias, B. Haines

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Charles & Jewel Byrket
10:45 A.M. Carl & Mildred Linn

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Mike & Shirley Callahan
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ACOLYTES

Jackie & Denay Ohneck
BUS DRIVER

Bruce Lehman

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Erma Vanderwall

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415 - Mrs. Opal Perkins

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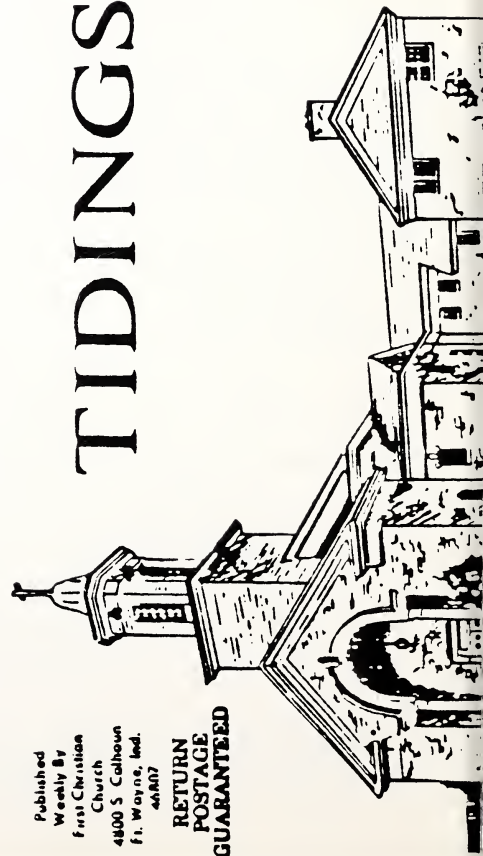
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241 - Mrs. Ola McLin

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At noon Sunday, October 7, the congregation will meet for a chicken luncheon (\$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for children under 12) to consider the 1985 budget. Plan now to attend!

FLINN HOME VISIT

On Thursday, October 18, our C.W.F. is sponsoring a trip to the Flinn Home in Marion. All of our church family is invited to go along, men and women alike. We will leave our parking lot at 9:15 a.m. and have lunch at the Home, at a cost of \$3.00 each. Reservations are requested by October 15. A box is at the south door of the church for gifts to be taken to residents of the Home. These may be small items, such as kleenex packets, combs, pens, pencils, stamps, stationery, toilet articles, etc. We return to First Christian about 3:00 p.m.

DON'T MENTION AGE TO ROCKVILLE

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LEA MEN'S GATHERING

All men are invited to First Christian, Auburn, for a soup and snack supper October 14, 6:30 p.m. Chuck Babcock, our Associate Regional Minister will bring the program. Call the church office if you wish to go and we'll pool transportation. Spouses are welcome, too.

ROCK'S CLASS TO HAVE HAYRIDE

The class will have a hayride Saturday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. Details Sunday in class, or call Mimi Westerfield at 485-9351. All are welcome!

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE meets Monday, October 8, 7:15 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Church School
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 12:00 NOON Congregational Dinner
 4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
 5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
 7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
 1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at Lorea Kuhlman's, 4125 Warsaw Street
 7:00 P.M. Calling Night
 7:15 P.M. Long Range Planning Committee

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at Casa de Angelo's
 12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at the church
 7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

1:00 P.M. Wednesday Afternoon Study Group
 7:30 P.M. BACE Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

5:00 P.M. Childrens Choir-Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, & Fire-flies
 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 9-30-84

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur J. Stanley,
 621 S. Columbia, Newberg, OR;
 Gary Jacobi, Rt. 1, Box 179,
 Georgetown; Mr. Constantine
 Tfrine, 120 W. Conrad.

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CYF

We are planning toward two upcoming events: a halloween party (which will be put on for another group), and the retreat scheduled for October 26, 27, and 28.

CHI RHO

Next week we elect officers! Come to choose, or even to be chosen! Officers will serve until January. We will also finish up our study-activity from last week. Tammy Davis will be bringing the refreshments. See you there!

URGENT NEED!

If anyone has a metal file box, about 12 inches from front to back, that they would be willing to donate to the food bank, please call Peggy Buskirk (745-3365). Such a file box is badly needed and will be much appreciated.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER October 10-16

Kathy Graham (10)
 Candace Cole (10)
 Mildred Hogg (10)
 Mike Chapin (10)
 Doris Koehlinger (11)
 M. Robert Beachley (11)
 Gary Parkerson (11)
 Terry Speicher (11)
 Jim Taylor (11)
 Mamie Caldwell (12)
 Anne Lee (12)
 Charles Wrisk (13)
 Tammy Davis (13)
 James Bramel (14)
 Lorea Kuhlman (14)
 Edna Vaught (15) Eric Baugher (16)
 Charles Harshbarger (15)

SEWING DAY

Friday, October 26, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. has been designated as sewing day. We will be making new baptismal robes for the church. These will be cut out and ready to sew. If you have a portable sewing machine you could loan, please bring it, as well as sewing supplies, such as pins, needles and thread, scissors, etc. Come and stay as much of the day as you can.

DINNERS OF EIGHT OR SIX

Again this year our membership committee is sponsoring Dinners of Eight or Six. Dinners of 8 are held in the houses, with the hosts providing meat and beverage and other guests bringing the balance of the meal. For Dinners of 6, the idea is for the host to select a time and place and the group eat out, dutch treat. These dinners provide a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with others in our church family. The first 2 dinners are planned for one to be between October 15 and November 15, and one between November 15 and December 15. The second series will be planned for March and April. Please sign up at church next Sunday or call the church office or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) before October 10 to sign up and enjoy the fun for the first series of dinners.

"DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?" Honoring Dinner

On Sunday, October 21, immediately after the second service, we will enjoy an all church catered dinner. Cost will be \$2.25 for adults, and \$1.25 for children 8 and under. The program will consist of special music and the recall of interesting, amusing, and historic items in the 112 year history of First Christian Church. If you have an interesting tid bit you would like to share, we invite you to do so. Not over 2 minutes each, please, so many can have a spot. In addition, many groups will be honored - members for over 50 years, over 40 years, 25 years, and our brand new members. In addition, couples with wedding anniversaries this year of 50 years or more will be specially recognized. This Sunday also climaxes the Week of the Ministry. Our worship committee will have a display of special events during the ministry of each of our living past ministers, as well as greetings and communications from them. Save October 21 and join the fun and fellowship. Reservations are needed. Sign up at church Sunday, call the church office, Delores Keebortz (745-3789 or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365). The Membership & Worship Committees are jointly sponsoring this gala event.

NOTE: Jim Shirley is in the Red River Hospital, 1505 8th Street, Wichita Falls, Texas 76301.

THE BELL CHOIR WILL BEGIN REHEARSAL THIS SUNDAY AT 4:00 P.M.

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10:45 A.M. Chip Olson and
Al Creager

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10:45 A.M. R. Krull-SW, S. Schell-NW, M. Mullen-SE, M. Crouse-NE, E. Conrad, E. Zimmerman, J. Ohneck, S. Knuckles

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GREETERS

8:15 A.M. John & Janet Myers

10:45 A.M. Fern Kenline/Thelma
Haxton

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10:45 A.M. Susan Creager

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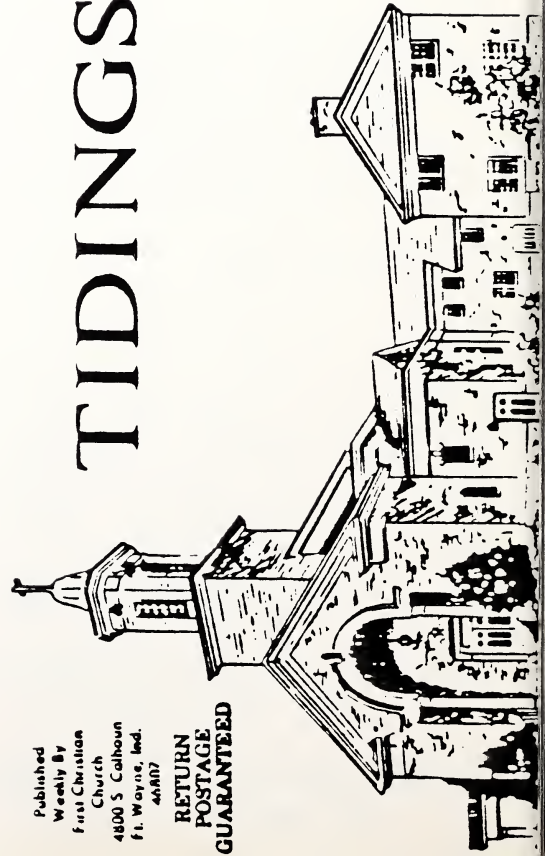
- Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich

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Richard L. Hamm, Editor

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Marta Rehner came by transfer of letter this Sunday. She lives at 19 Pasadena, 745-7439. She has two children. Welcome Marta!

M.A. TO ROCKVILLE

Don't Mention Age is going to the Covered Bridge Festival this Tuesday, October 16. Cost is \$16.00. Call Genevieve Ripple (440-0584) to make reservations.

MUSIC AWARENESS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

This will be an extra special service of great music featuring our Chancel Choir, our children, and more. Don't miss it! There will be a special musical sermonette for the kids, too!

1985 BUDGET APPROVAL

In a congregational meeting Sunday, the 1985 budget of First Christian was approved. It represents a 6% increase over 1984's budget. It also increases our giving to local and world outreach to 25% of our total expenditures.....a long time goal of this congregation. This budget is a challenge, but the Board feels we can meet the challenge!

"DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?" DINNER

October 21 (Sunday) will be a day to remember at First Christian Church! Immediately following the second worship service, the Membership and Worship Committees are sponsoring an all church dinner. Materials depicting events during the ministries of each of our living past ministers and Timothies will be on display. In addition, any member of our congregation is invited to share a 2 minute "Do You Remember When?" incident. (Example: Do you remember when the Living Word grew on a Living Tree planted in a tub in our primary department? or - Do you remember when families who wished to receive the Tidings were asked to pay \$1.00 a year to cover postage?) In addition, many groups of people will be specially honored and recognized. You might be one! Menu will include fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, jello salad, vegetable, pie, and beverage. Cost is \$2.25 for adults and \$1.25 for children. Reservations are needed. Sign up at church, call the office, Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) or Delores Keebortz (745-3789).

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:30 A.M. D.M.A. to Rockville
7:15 P.M. Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

1:00 P.M. Wednesday Afternoon
Study Group

7:30 P.M. New C.W.F. group
meeting

7:30 P.M. BACE Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 A.M. C.W.F. to Emily
Flinn Home

5:00 P.M. Childrens Choir-Angels,
Lambs, Ladybugs, & Fire-
flies

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER October 17-23

Herb Banet (17)
Lillian Breeden (17)
Ruth Ogles (17)
Dan Flickinger (17)
Fred Warner (18)
Charles Byrket (18)
Deanna Roseberry (20)
Leotha Jones (20)
Rebecca Patton (21)
William Love (21)

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to
Joyce Crowe, in the death of her
father last week.

C.W.F. SEWING DAY

Remember CWF sewing day on
October 26, from 9:00 a.m. to
5:00 p.m. You are needed to
help make baptismal robes for
the church!

WOMEN IN SOCIETY T.V. PROGRAM

On Sunday, October 21, 1:30-
2:30 p.m., Channel 21 will air
a program moderated by George
Will. I have not previewed it,
but the panelists look inter-
esting. Dick

AREA MEN'S GATHERING

All men are invited to First
Christian, Auburn, for a soup
and snack supper October 14,
6:30 p.m. Chuck Babcock, our
Associate Regional Minister
will bring the program. Call
the church office if you wish
to go and we'll pool transpor-
tation. Spouses are welcome!

CHURCH LIBRARY FOR YOU

Perhaps the most underused
resource in our church is the
library. Our library, besides
having many excellent volumes,
has many first rate current
religion magazines and jour-
nals. Drop by this week and
see what's available.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 10-7-84

Miss Mary Larabee, 5156 - 7
Truemper Way; Miss Lisa Hall,
1911 W. Colonial.

NOTE: On Wednesday, October
17, a new evening CWF group
will begin meeting at the church.
All interested, please come!

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

A couple of weeks ago, as I was driving down Harrison Street toward the church I suddenly noticed some of the trees were not entirely green - and I realized that, yes, Fall is here!

Of course the calendar had already told me that. But the prospect of the trees becoming stark bare bristles made me realize that the change was not just in the flip of a calendar page, but in what life was going to be like - raking leaves, wearing a coat, and sooner than I like to think, shoveling snow.

Often, we can hear about or see situations and develop judgements and opinions about them. But we can never know all of what those situations feel like until we are there, experiencing them with our own inwards. The realizations which come with turning leaves is different from the realizations of turning calendar pages. By this should our condemnations always be tempered.

"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgement you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get". Matthew 7:1,2.

Don

PREMARITAL SEMINAR OFFERED

On Sunday, October 21, Dick and Don will be offering a seminar for those considering marriage. The event will be 2:30 - 8:30 p.m. If you wish more information, call Dick or Don (744-3239). All are welcome (including persons not affiliated with the church).

DINNERS OF EIGHT OR SIX

Again this year the membership committee is sponsoring Dinners of 8 and Dinners of 6. The plan is to divide those wishing to participate into groups of 8 or 6, according to which group you wish to join. Lists will be sent to each participant. In the Dinners of 8, the hosts will provide meat and beverage, the rest of the group will bring salad, vegetables, rolls and dessert. The first two dinners will be held one between October 15 & November 15 and one between November 15 & December 15. For Dinners of 6, a host will be designated to select a restaurant and a date and call all others in that group. A second series of dinners will be held in March & April. If you did not sign up at church, call the church office or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365), but do plan to be a part of these fun dinners and get better acquainted with others in the church. If enough sign up, you will have dinners with a different group each time!

SERVING OCTOBER 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York and
Mark Snyder
10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Novachcoff-SW, B.
Grimm-NW, E. Snouffer, J. Young
10:45 A.M. S. Kerley-SW, B. Ker-
ley-NW, L. Finkhousen-SE, M. Fink-
housen-NE, E. Klepfer, B. Haines,
G. Falbe, M. Callahan

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, K. Mory, K. Taylor

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Kate Cullen
10:45 A.M. Jack & Doris Sauerwein

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jean McGrew

ACOLYTES

Jimmy Davis & Adam Hayes

BUS DRIVER

John Briggs

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Tony York & Johnson's

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Jim Stucky
10:45 A.M. Al Creager

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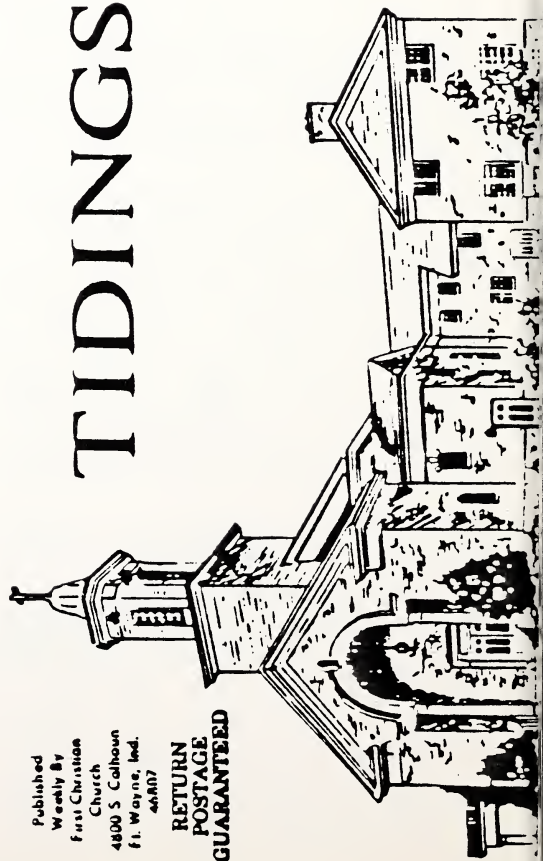
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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Miriam Coil transfers her membership from the Methodist Church in Kendallville. She lives at 340 Burns Blvd. 46807. Seek her out and bid her welcome!

'REMEMBER WHEN DINNER'

Don't forget to call by Friday noon to put in your reservation for the "Do You Remember When?" dinner right after 2nd service next Sunday. No covered dishes to bring! A good time is in store for everyone! We have 168 people who have been members 25 years or more, 34 new members, 10 couples who have wedding anniversaries of 25 years or over 50 years, and 39 resident adults who were born into this church and are still members. All of these will be recognized. There will be special music and some fun items, too, on the program. Come, enjoy the fun, fellowship, and food. Bring your "remember when" item. Donations are \$2.25 for adults, and \$1.25 for children. Call the church office (744-3239) or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) now so we will be sure to have enough home made pie (plus other food) for everyone.

Do you remember the "Wide Mouth Frog" story? Come to the Dinner next Sunday and hear it again!

CWF SEWING DAY

Don't forget the CWF Sewing Day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26. Bring sewing supplies. We will be making new baptismal robes for the church. Come for all or as much of the day as you can.

MUSIC AWARENESS SUNDAY! THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Beautiful inspiring music both services - don't miss it!

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

If you have not registered yet, contact the church office. November 2-3 in Indianapolis. Transportation available.

COMMITTEES MEET TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7:15 P.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

10:30 A.M. Diaconate House Meeting-South-at Gini Brown's, 4810 Tillman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON "Remember When Dinner"
2:30 P.M. Pre-marital Seminar at West Creighton
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World Meeting
7:15 P.M. All Committee Meetings
7:30 P.M. Diaconate House Meeting-West-at Rosemary Krull's, 3466 S. Washington Road

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

1:00 P.M. Wednesday Afternoon Study Group
7:30 P.M. BACE Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

5:00 P.M. Childrens Choir-Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, & Fire-flies

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:30 P.M. CYF Retreat at Barbee

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER October 24-30

Thomas Mathis (25)
J. Fred Smell (26)
Carolyn Barnhard (27)
Susan Creager (28)
Deborah Rinker (29)
Jeffrey Grier (30) Hazel Cleaver(30)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dave Arnos and Lelia McBride were married at First Christian Church on Saturday, October 13 by Dr. Hamm.

THANK YOU'S

Rychie, Fred, & Arlene Smell want to thank Dick, Don, and Janet for their inspiring visits to the hospital. We also want to thank all who sent cards and for the many prayers which helped Rychie to her recovery.

Rychie, Fred, & Arlene Smell
My many thanks to the kind people from First Christian who stopped by to wish me well while I was in the hospital and for all the lovely cards bearing good wishes.

Outstanding were calls from Rev. Hamm, Rev. Wiltfong, and Janet Weicker and the many visits with Miriam Bixenman when we occupied adjoining rooms. Their prayers and good wishes were very encouraging.

Gladys Hoop

I'd like to thank Dr. Hamm, Rev. Wiltfong, and Janet Weicker during my recent hospital stay.

Ruby Mowery

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 10-14-84

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Murray, 3604 SE St. R.# 116, Bluffton, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Douglas A. Rehner, 9014 Hemphill Dr.; Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Raye Toner, 100 E. 5th, Caney, KS; Fred Toner, 2120 Hobson Rd., A-205.

MUSIC AWARENESS SUNDAY

The magnificent hymn, At the Name of Jesus Every Knee Shall Bow, poem by Caroline Noel and music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, will be the theme for the celebration of music in worship at both services this Music Awareness Sunday. Lenelle Ross, violinist, and Becky Stucky, soprano, will be featured with the Chancel Choir, and Sam Smith, cellist, will be playing, as well as other guest artists. There will be much congregational singing, and the children will sing two hymns as a part of the sermonette. Bring a guest!

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On Sunday, October 21, Dick and Don in conjunction with the Saturn and West Creighton congregations, will be offering a seminar for those considering marriage. The event will be 2:30 - 8:30 p.m. If you wish more information, call Dick or Don (744-3239). All are welcome (including persons not affiliated with the church).

HEY CHI RHO!

All Middle School youth are invited to a Halloween Party! Come Saturday, October 27, at 4:58, with your courage and with something edible. First will come a haunted house. Then we will partake in some partying pastimes at the church. It will all be over at 9:33. Bring a friend....I mean, friend, and a couple of dollars for admission to the haunted house.

CYF

The retreat is coming! Plan on going October 26, 27, and 28 to Barbee Camp for the planning retreat! Watch for complete information in the mail!

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Make a difference! Join Bread For The World. Meeting Tuesday, October 23, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

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INTERESTED IN EVANGELISM CALLING?

All interested persons are invited to a Caller Trainer Workshop at the church Sunday, October 28, 5:00 - 7:15 p.m. No obligation. Come and check out this exciting ministry to the unchurched.

THANKS

Thanks to George and Sara Davis for contributing the plaque commemorating Senior Pastors at First Christian Church. It hangs outside the chapel.



WEEK OF THE MINISTRY
OCTOBER 14-21, 1984

SERVING OCTOBER 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Dick Vanderwall

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Delores Keebortz

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hahn-SW, J. Kelly-
NW, V. Brown, P. Tobias

10:45 A.M. E. Place-SW, K. Place-
NW, L. Johnson-SE, W. Johnson-NE,
W. Bowen, W. Westerfield, E.
Klepfer, T. Creager

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, B. Haines, K. Tobias

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Earl & Reba Fusselman

10:45 A.M. Deloris Anspach/Gwynth
Rice

ACOLYTES

Steve Mullen & Heath Hudlow

BUS DRIVER

Bruce Lehman

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Jt. Weicker - J. Briggs

B. Franklin - M. Novachcoff

R. Church - M. Mullen

P. Mullen - D. Harter

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Music Awareness Sunday - no Lay

Worship Leaders are needed

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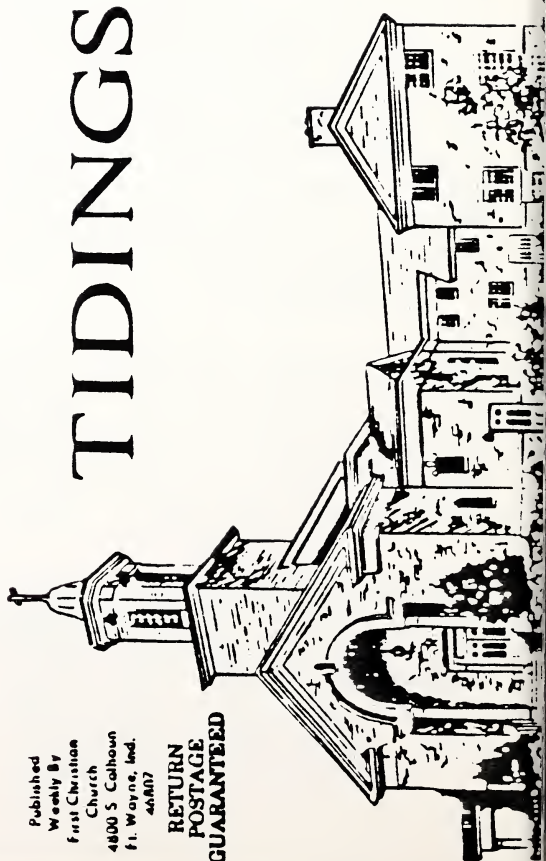
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You Made it Possible



The Disciples' Division of Overseas Ministries is involved in mission in 30 countries around the world through relationships with 68 autonomous churches and councils of churches. Expertise such as the medical skills of doctors and nurses are given by the 114 overseas personnel provided through this division.

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SPECIAL REQUEST

The Evangelism Committee has a special request of this Sunday. Are there persons who you would like to have receive a special invitation to worship? (Not inactive members, but unchurched people). Please think this over carefully, and bring their names, addresses, and, if possible, phone numbers, with you to worship this Sunday. You will have the opportunity to share this information. Thank you!

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All interested persons are invited to a Caller Training Workshop at the church Sunday, October 28, 5:00 - 7:15 p.m. No obligation. Come and check out this exciting ministry to the unchurched.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

4:58 P.M. Chi Rho Halloween Party

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:00 P.M. Caller Trainer Workshop

7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:30 P.M. Area I Board Meeting
at Kendallville

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

1:00 P.M. Wednesday Afternoon
Study Group

7:30 P.M. BACE Class

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Grace
Truby's, 440 Englewood
Court

5:00 P.M. Childrens Choir-Angels,
Lambs, Ladybugs, & Fire-
flies

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Oct. 31-Nov. 6

Charles Schnobel (31)

Gary Falbe (31)

Helen Foltz (31)

August Mueller (31)

James Shirley (31)

Shari Eme (1)

Herdis Helmuth (1)

Coleen Wilcoxson (1)

Joe Wiley (1)

Violet Wuthrich (1)

Judy Church (2)

Audrey Corkwell (2)

Donna Chapin (3)

Bill Wyant (3)

Jack Brickley (3)

Ron Feaser (3)

Bruce Finkhousen (4)

CYF

There will be no regular meeting this Sunday!

CHI RHO

Saturday, October 27, we will have a halloween howl! We will meet at the church at 4:58, with a snack item to share. We will then engage in some horribly good pastimes. Finally, when the time is right, we will find our way to a haunted house - bring \$2.00 admission! If you survive that, we will finish the evening up at 9:33. Feel free to bring a ghost...I mean guest! No regular meeting this Sunday!

SYMPATHY

Mrs. Barton (Vivian) Johnson, wife of a former minister at FCC past away on October 12 at the Baptist Convelescent Home in Newport, KY. Services were on October 15 in Lexington, KY.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER CONTINUED:

Ruth Stone (4)

Alfred Pattengale (5)

John Phillips (5)

Tony York (5)

Martha Christy (5)

Teresa Wagner (6)

Jeannette Grier (6)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

10-21-84

John & Velma Rehner, 3810

Sandpoint Road; Richard &

Judy Mey, 2618 Abbey Drive;

Mrs. Mildred Boyer, 451 Orena;

Ms. Lori Mills, 2503 Stardale;

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Berger & Jef,

6123 Downingtown; Mr. Chad Sper-

ry, 3205 Ponema Ct.; Miss Eunice

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Wasn't Music Sunday thrilling! We are so fortunate to have such a music department of dedicated musicians! The "Remember When" Dinner was a good time, too. I'm glad I finally got to hear the "Wide Mouth Frog" story!

We are growing in many important ways. On Sunday, November 18, we will be seeing a special slide presentation that will document this fact. This is part of our Consecration Day, and I hope every able bodied member will be present in worship on that day. I think you'll be delighted with what transpires. Mark November 18 on your calendar now!

I have found the presidential debates to be very interesting. Whoever wins the election, I hope these debates will help to generate new options and ideas that will help us more toward greater peace and justice in the world, and toward a reduction in nuclear arms and tensions. Pray for our leaders and candidates that they may receive divine insights to these ends.

Sunday I'll deal with the question submitted by a member, "How do we know when we are saved?" See you then!

Love,

Dick

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS - FAMINE IN ETHIOPIA

People are dying for lack of food. Ethiopia has not experienced food shortage of this magnitude in living memory. 12 of the 14 regions affected--more than 6 million people. Number of people arriving at feeding centers far exceeds food available.

Your offering supports church action as follows: CWS/LWR/CRS* together shipped 10 trucks, secured \$800,000 grant from USAID to pay drivers and provide fuel. CWS staff working on "extraordinary measures" for meeting this emergency.

You share through your Week of Compassion offering.

*CWS-Protestant; LWR-Lutheran; CRS-Catholic.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP CONTINUED:

Wadewitz, 2434 Bellevue Drive; Mr. Joe Weicker, 9904 Schaffer Road, R. R. #1, Woodburn, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Hill, Fort Wayne, IN; R. David Johnson, 6330 Alvarez; Peter DeVries, 902 W. Washington, #1.

SERVING OCTOBER 28

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Mildred Hartman
10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Pat Mullen

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Harter-SW, M.
Hutchinson-NW, J. Briggs
10:45 A.M. T. York-SW, J. Ohneck-
NW, E. Zimmerman-SE, R. Mowery-NE,
M. Mullen, M. Crouse, R. Krull,
S. Schell

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, S. Creager, C. Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Elizabeth Dull/Mary
Wilhelm

10:45 A.M. Mike & Pat Mullen
ACOLYTES

Aimie Pratt & Alisha Stover
BUS DRIVER

Betty Briggs

COMMUNION PREPARATION

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Carole Overmyer

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. John Ohneck

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ST. JOSEPH:

- Mrs. Helen Sheerin

OTHERS:

Gladys Hoop - Parnell Park Nur-
sing Home

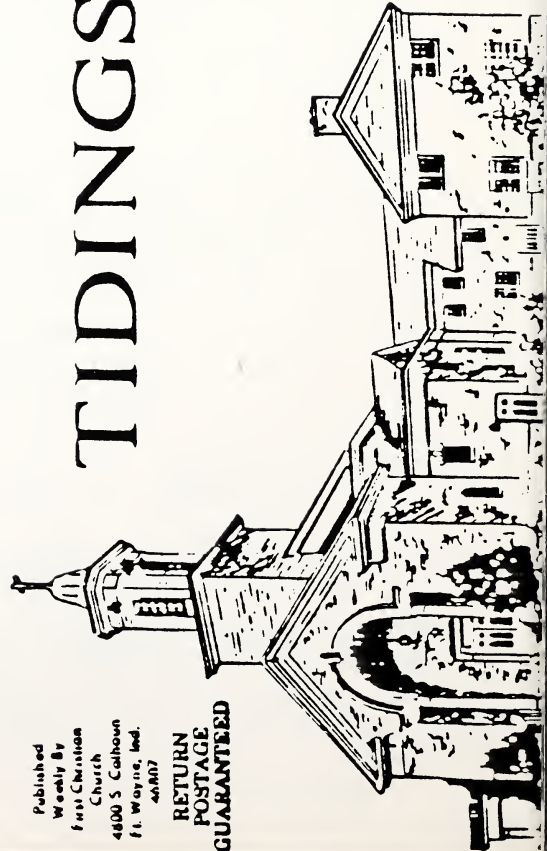
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BOOKS!

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Where to find the best selection? Right here at First Christian Church in fellowship hall. When? During the Christian Literature Week, November 4 thru November 13. Need a special gift for the upcoming holidays? Maybe a helpful book on prayer? We will have selections from our old stand bys as well: Larson, Ogilvie & Schuller. Please come and browse. We're sure you'll find something irresistible.

ALL-CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER

The annual All Church Thanksgiving Dinner will be held immediately after the second worship service on Sunday, November 18. Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, rolls, butter, and beverage will be provided at the church for a donation of \$1.00 for adults and 75¢ for children 8 and under. Other dishes will be provided by the congregation through a planned potluck system. The program will be a fun time and will last no longer than 1 hour. Child care will be provided for children 1st grade and below. In order that we have plenty of turkey, so everyone can have all they want, we must have reservations no later than November 13. Please phone reservations to the church office (744-3239) or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365), or sign up at church one of the next two Sundays.

NOVEMBER 10, 1984 - CRAFTS WORKSHOP - 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Crafts include: Wheat weaving, folded or raised star, macrame ornaments, flower arranging, crochet.

There will be a salad buffet for this event. All ladies attending should bring a salad to share with the group. Please sign up for whatever craft you would be interested in, in fellowship hall.

MUSIC

Come join in a celebration of sacred music with Becky Stucky on November 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Sara Davis, her teacher, will also share in this evening of music.

WEST CREIGHTON CHRISTIAN BAZAAR

Our sister congregation is having a bazaar this Saturday, November 3, 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Lots of scrumptuous food and hand craft items for sale. \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children under 12.

CHANCEL CHOIR - CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRACTICE - November 10, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Anybody who would like to sing for Christmas is welcome!

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, 7:15 P.M., Monday, November 5

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, Tuesday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:15 P.M. Long Range Planning Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

1:00 P.M. Wednesday Afternoon Study Group
3:00 P.M. Cardio-vascular group

7:30 P.M. BACE Class

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

5:00 P.M. Childrens Choir-Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, & Fire-flies

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:30 A.M. CWF Crafts Workshop
1:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Workshop for Christmas

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER November 7-13

Ruby Boxell (7)
James Evans (7)
Pam Bickel (8)
Ingrid Mosier (8)
Garnet Ford (8)
Emma Schell (9)
Marilyn McDougale (11)
Beth Schilling (11)
Diana Miller (11)
Jeannie Pratt (12)
Linda Breeden (13)
Linda Eich (13)
Leon Johns (13)
Shirley Callahan (13)

CONGRATULATIONS

To Stan and Muriel (Crouse) Baker upon the birth of Nathaniel!

SYMPATHY

Becky Stucky's father, Clair Buskirk, died last week. I had the services Wednesday but neglected to mention it Sunday in concerns & joys. Our prayers are with Becky and Peg and their families.

FINANCIAL NOTE

We ask that everyone please seek to catch up on their giving as able, for we are running very close. Thank you.

CARDIO-VASCULAR GROUP

This group for heart patients is open to all. We'll meet at the church Wednesday, November 7, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

CYF and CHI RHO - Did you have a good time last week? Both groups will meet this Sunday at 5:30 p.m. See you there!

ALL TEACHERS!

Sunday School teachers, extended session leaders, substitutes, and anyone interested in learning about teaching children in the church. On Saturday, November 17 there will be a workshop lead by Mari-beth Blackman-Sexton and Deb-res A. Turner, Associate Rel-tional Ministers of the Chris-tian Church in Indiana. Set aside this day on your calendar and plan to come.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 10-28-84 - Mr. Elmer & Miss Lily Engle-hart, III, 1201 Michigan; Mr. & Mrs. Ray Acheson, 227 W. Sherwood Terr.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Stewardship means exercising all our powers in responsible Christian ways. That means all powers, which for Americans includes the wonderful power to vote our Christian Conscience! Be a good steward this week and VOTE! What a precious privilege!

Love,

Dick

ANYBODY LOVE A GRASSHOPPER?

The costume committee for Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, and Fireflies wonders if members of the congregation have certain leftover materials stored away begging for usefulness!

Polyester knit: 1 yard brown, 2/3 yard white, 1/3 yard medium blue, 2 yards medium green, 2½ yards black.

Bias tape, no less than one yard: green, red, orange, gray, white, brown, black.

Plumes: dark green, turquoise, red, white.

Tulle: one yard each: black, green.

Soft, flowing material for butterfly wings - 1 yard each.

Black ribbon.

Contact Laura York(447-1284), or leave in the box by the south door by November 15. The grasshoppers and birds thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

November 18 is Consecration Sunday. As part of our annual stewardship emphasis, we have invited Becca Olson to share what stewardship means to her.

To me the word Stewardship is synonymous with "giving to the church". Stewardship, in fact, encompasses all the different ways of giving. I think we can give of our talents, our personality, our love, as well as our monetary contributions - and we should.

We should not be content to just attend worship each week without giving something back to Him. God desires a personal relationship with each of us, as he proved by giving us his Son. What then, will we give in return? In any successful relationship there must be giving on both sides. There must be commitment from both parties.

I see stewardship as true commitment to the church. This commitment; this outward pledge of time, talent, and treasure make the difference between the sincere Christian and the casual church-goer. I want Christ committed to me, I don't want him to just visit now and then when he finds the time. I want him in my life daily, sharing my problems and joys. As in a good marriage, both parties must make that commitment. It's a commitment I'm excited to make.

SERVING NOVEMBER 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and
Miriam Bixenman

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, J.
Young-NW, B. Grimm, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. G. Falbe-SW, M. Cal-
lahan-NW, M. Hamm-SE, B. Haines-
NE, L. Finkhousen, M. Finkhousen,
S. Kerley, B. Kerley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, J. Jones, K. Mory

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Margaret Snouffer/Merle
Grimm

10:45 A.M. Emma & Schellie Schell
ACOLYTES

Danny Mory & Michelle Stam
BUS DRIVER

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Hartman - E. Place

B. Ludwig - M. Hamm

D. Vanderwall - K. Place

J. Church - B. Haines

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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10:45 A.M. Wayne Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

St. JOSEPH:

921 - Mrs. Helen Sheerin

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Instant Potatoes, Powdered &
Canned Milk, Canned meat

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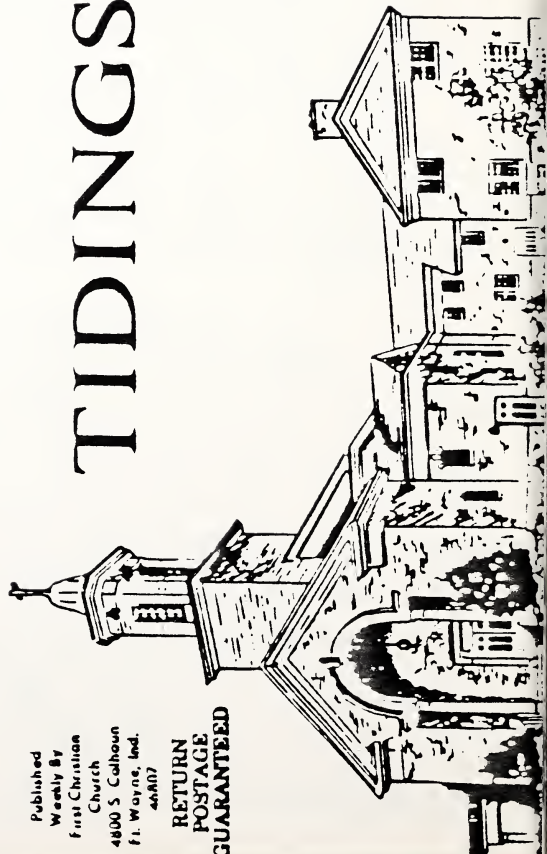
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - CRAFTS WORKSHOP - 9:30 A.M.

Crafts include: wheat weaving, folded or raised star, macrame ornaments, flower arranging, crochet. There will be a salad buffet for this event. All ladies attending should bring a salad to share with the group. Please sign up for whatever craft you would be interested in in fellowship hall.

PLEASE NOTE: Persons signed up for crochet, please bring a crochet hook - size F or G and some yarn.

Persons signed up for wheat weaving, please bring scissors, light brown button thread and squirt bottle for water.

ALL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Be sure to make your reservation for the all church Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 18, immediately following second service. Make reservations by signing up at worship next Sunday, calling the church office, or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) before November 14. Donations are \$1.00 for adults and 75¢ for children 8 and below. This will cover the cost of turkey (all you can eat), mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, rolls, and beverage. In addition, persons whose last names begin with the letters A-E are asked to bring candied sweet potatoes; F-K-vegetables, L-R-salads; and S-Z-desserts, plus your own table service. A fun program will follow, and we will be out by 2:00 p.m. Everybody come!

BOOKS!

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BOOKS!

Where to find the best selection? Right here at First Christian Church in fellowship hall. When? During the Christian Literature Week, November 4 thru November 11. Need a special gift for the upcoming holidays? Maybe a helpful book on prayer? We will have selections from our old stand bys as well: Larson, Ogilvie & Schuller. Please come and browse. We're sure you'll find something irresistible.

MUSIC

The music celebration that was to be given on November 17 with Sara Davis and Becky Stucky has been postponed until after Christmas.

CHANCEL CHOIR - CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRACTICE - November 10, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Anybody who would like to sing for Christmas is welcome!

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 11:30 - 1:00.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at
Peg Buskirk's, Miriam
Bixenman's, 4430 Wil-
mette
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at Ban-
dido's
12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at the
church
7:15 P.M. Pastoral Relations
Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1:00 P.M. Wednesday Afternoon
Study Group
7:30 P.M. BACE Class

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

5:00 P.M. Childrens Choir-Angels,
Lambs, Ladybugs, & Fire-
flies
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER November 14-20

Melissa Orr (14)
Jim Hudlow (14)
Jewell Byrket (14)
Ethel Allen (16)
Tom Meadows (16)
Bernard Norman (16)
Robert Corkwell (18)
Muriel Baker (19)

REMINDER!!!

Again this year we are asking for food items to be brought to the front of the sanctuary for our food bank.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank each and every one of you, for your kindness shown me during my stay in the hospital. To Rev. Hamm, Rev. Wiltfong, for their visits and lovely prayers. To Janet Weicker for her lovely readings and nice prayers. To Judy Church for serving me communion. To all who sent me lovely cards. May God bless all of you. Most sincerely and with love.

Roxy Wunderlich

SYMPATHY

Freda Householder's step daughter, Lois Koenig, died in October. Our sympathy to the family.

CONGRATULATIONS SPRINGERS!

Melanie & David Springer are proud parents of a baby girl, Sherry Renee, born on October 19. The Baughers are the grandparents!

It was great to have Rychie Smell back in Worship Sunday!

FOOD BANK REPORT:

During the past three months the Food Bank has helped:

146 households;
428 persons;
3,882 meals served

ALICE IN BLUNDERLAND

A provocative one-act allegorical drama now playing at several area churches. Call the office for locations. Dates are Nov. 9, 10, and 11. This play deals with the issue of nuclear war.

STEWARDSHIP

November 18 is Consecration Sunday. As part of our annual stewardship emphasis, we have invited Mildred Hutchinson to share what stewardship means to her.

As professing christians watching the horrifying pictures of starving children in Ethiopia, the sight of vindictive murdering in India, or the apprehensive face of a first time applicant to our food bank, we must with contrite hearts say "There but for the grace of God, go I".

We can be thankful that through God's grace we were born in a richly blessed nation where freedom of religion is an accepted fact.

As individuals, all that we have and all that we are, we owe to God. He has priority on our time, our talent, and our treasure.

As a steward of these gifts, I believe it is a privilege and responsibility to contribute a share of my time, my concern, and my monetary support to my church so that it may better meet the needs of those who cry out for help.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

It was a volkswagon Bug - old, beat up, rusted out, and worn - being towed by a pickup truck, probably to its scrapheap graveyard. Its oxidized red paint was like that of any other junkyard refugee, its tires were bald, its wheels rusty.

But spray painted on the door was the number 53. That's the number of the "Love Bug", the peppy little racer of movie fame.

It made me smile. Not at its ludicrousness, but at the bold spunk of someone identifying this casualty of the years with its mechanical hero counterpart, to the point of bearing its name.

And I remembered whose name I bear when I claim to be a Christian, and the bold spunk of striving to realize that claim for my life.

Don

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The teachers training event scheduled for November 17 has been postponed to January 12. We will have a teacher's meeting Monday evening, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. for all children and youth sunday school class teachers.

CYF AND CHI RHO

The youth groups for middle school and high school aged youth will meet Sunday, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

NOTE.....

On Monday, November 12, anyone willing to help on costumes for the musical, we will be meeting anytime between 7:00 - 7:30. No sewing needed!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP-11-4-84

Miss Debbie Barfell, 116 E. Foster Pkwy.; Miss Dawn Korn, 2737 W. Washington Center Rd.; Mr. & Mrs. G. Lee Ogle, 2722 Canterbury; Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Miller, 1305 Willow, New Rick, Wisconsin; David Lapsley & Family, Rt. #1, Borden, IN; Lucille Ford, 22 E. Beech St., Sullivan, IN; Mrs. Margaret Harris, Box 74, Fairbanks, IN; Sandra Todd, R.R. 6, Box 12, Rehsseleer, IN.

SERVING NOVEMBER 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph and Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and
Chip Olson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, E. Place-
NW, K. Place, J. Kelly
10:45 A.M. M. Hamm-SW, T. Creager-
NW, W. Bowen-SE, W. Westerfield-NE
L. Johnson, W. Johnson, E. Conrad,
P. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, B. Haines, K. Tobias

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil & Almeda Rice
10:45 A.M. Ken Taylor/Kevin Tobias
ACOLYTES

Scott Creager & Mark Zimmerman
BUS DRIVER
Bruce Lehman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

D. Harter & Place's
COUNTER FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER
Herb Banet

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Shirley Dibble
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mary Novachcoff
10:45 A.M. Kenneth Place

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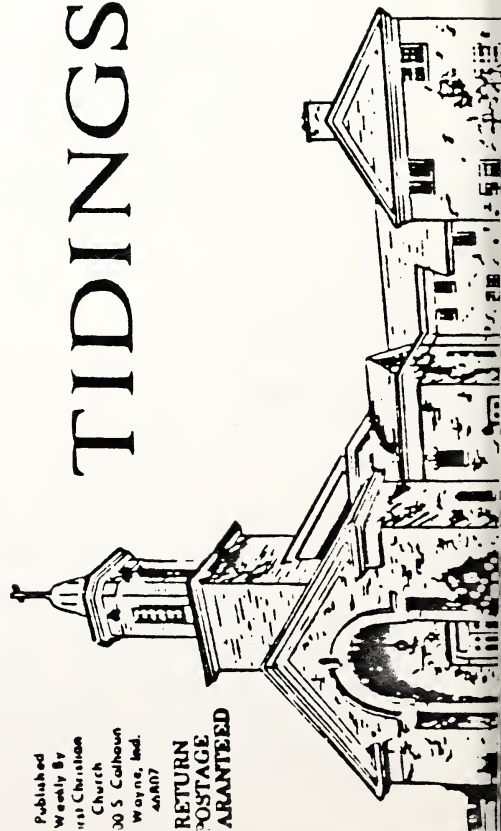
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CONSECRATION SUNDAY THIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 18

All members are requested to be present for a special service which will feature an audio-visual presentation about First Christian and the opportunity to make a pledge for 1985. Those present and pledging will not receive a call in their home this year, unless they request it.

Come and celebrate 1985 at First Christian Church!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 25 at 5:30 p.m., we will have the annual "Hanging of the Greens". Come one and all and catch the spirit of Advent with our church family as we decorate and beautify our church for this wonderful season.

Sunday School classes should decorate their own rooms.

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

Again this year the Worship Committee is planning to use poinsettias to decorate the Chancel during the Advent-Christmas Season. We will purchase these plants for approximately \$9.00 each. Any amount may be donated. After December 16, they will be taken to our hospitalized and shut-ins. The donors will be listed in the Tidings. Indicate your desire to participate by calling the church office (744-3239). Donations of any amount should be clearly marked "Poinsettias". Make your checks payable to First Christian Church.

CHANCEL CHOIR

The board has given permission to the Chancel Choir to raise enough money for the purchase of 50 choir robes. The choir needs 36 now and expects more growth. The robes in use number only 30 and cannot be matched. Both color and fabric have been permanently discontinued. New robes will cost \$75.00 each. If anyone would like to help the choir by a donation of a part of a robe, or a whole robe, please call Eileen Klepfer or Helen Donnell. Thank you very much.

REMINDER.....

Don't forget the Thanksgiving Dinner this Sunday, November 18, immediately following second service. Persons whose last names begin with the letters A-E are asked to bring candied sweet potatoes; F-K-vegetables, L-R-salads; and S-Z-desserts; plus your own table service.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Thanksgiving Dinner
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
5:00 P.M. Children's Choir-Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, & Fire-flies
7:00 P.M. Costume workers for Children's musical
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00 P.M. Diaconate House Meeting
at Jane Hahn's, 509
Villa Park Court

7:30 P.M. BACE Class

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:30 P.M. Sarah Group

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER November 21-27

Lee Higgins (21)
Laura York (21)
Margaret Leversee (22)
Roger Parkerson (22)
Nellie Buchanan (24)
Troy Harter (24)
Charles Green (25)
Marlene Crouse (25)
Ron Flickinger (25)
Joan Ott (25)
Elva Stephans (25)
Jo Ellen Hendrickson (26)
Frederick Sheets (26)
Jerry Ferguson (27)

THANK YOU'S

Many thanks are given to Jim Stucky, who built the tables, and Lois Finkhousen who made the table covers, for the "debut" of the Bell Choir last Sunday. We appreciate these gifts, and we appreciate the talent and hard work of the ringers. We look forward to hearing them again! It was beautiful!

Helen Donnell

Thank you to all who helped with the bake sale Sunday. We raised almost \$50.00

Eric Zimmerman

PLEASE NOTE:

On October 17, 1984, a new CWF group was formed - The Sarah Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. at church on the third Wednesday of the month in the Parlor. Please join us.

HELP NEEDED!!!

Monday, November 19 we will be working on costumes for the children's musical. Come anytime after 7:00 and stay as long as you want. You don't even need to sew to be able to help.

SMYPATHY

Our prayers are with the family of Marge Lehman who died last last week. Services were at the church Thursday.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

11-11-84

Mr. & Mrs. John Freeland,
5304 Plaza Drive.

STEWARDSHIP

November 18 is Consecration Sunday. As part of our annual stewardship emphasis, we have invited Jack Weicker to share what stewardship means to him.

Although Janet every now and again "volunteers" me to do certain chores and tasks, I am pleased she "volunteered" me this time to write a few words about stewardship. For although we are all aware that "It is more blessed to give than to receive".....and that we are to "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's".....and that we are to bring our "tithes into the storehouse", the fact of the matter is that we do often forget our obligation to do whatever we can to advance here and now the Kingdom of God; and we forget, too, that this obligation includes our TIME, our TALENT, and our TREASURE.

As we hear the plea this month at First Christian to support a Spartan budget for next year, it is my hope that our hearts and our purses will be truly opened to the message of Christ's Great Commission and that each of us through our gifts may go forth into all the world and share both here and abroad the greatest story ever told.

As we move into this period of Thanksgiving and Christmas, may we remember through our tithes and offerings that there is a world out there just waiting to learn the Good News---a world desperately in need of food and clothing---a world of real longing for help and love and understanding.

As we contemplate Christian stewardship, may all of us in our hearts pray that our efforts to support Christ's Kingdom both here at home and far away will meet with great success. Let us join hands together in this mightiest of all efforts and may God bless us---everyone.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I hope to see all of you who are able, in worship Sunday. I think the slide presentation we have worked up will be really fun to see!

The Disciple General Office in Indianapolis has contacted us about the possibility of sponsoring refugees again (we sponsored a family a few years ago). This time the need is great for sponsoring some Iranian refugees. Sponsorship involves helping to find housing, work, and generally getting oriented. If you have a special interest in such a project, I invite you to call me personally to discuss it.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

SERVING NOVEMBER 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Al Creager and
Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Briggs-SW, J.
Briggs-NW, D. Harter, M. Hutch-
inson

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse-SW, M. Mul-
ten-NW, S. Schell-SE, R. Kruhl-NE,
R. Mowery, E. Zimmerman, J. Ohneck,
S. Knuckles

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J. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, B. Haines, K. Tobias

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Gini Brown/Kathryn
Cullen

10:45 A.M. Walter Bowen/Betty
Harter

ACOLYTES

Tammy Davis & Heather Chapin

BUS DRIVER

Betty Briggs

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

A. Creager - W. Westerfield

M. Bixenman - L. Johnson

M. Snyder - W. Johnson

S. Hayes - E. Snouffer

COMMUNION PREPARATION

W. Westerfield & B. Grimm

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Curt Miller

10:45 A.M. Mindy Hamm

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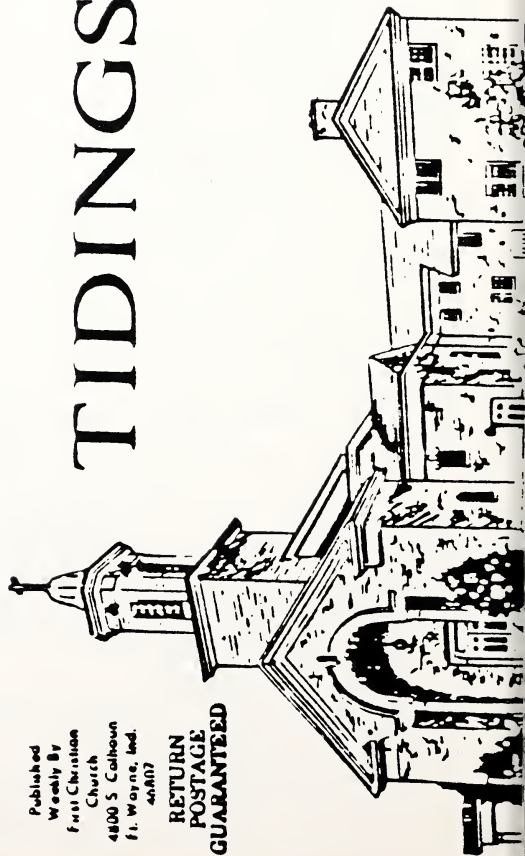
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joe & Phyllis Fitch, 6011 Midwood Drive 46815, phone-486-4925, came by transfer. Joe is a timothy of First Christian Church and recently retired from the ministry, though he is still doing pulpit supply around the state. We are delighted to have Joe & Phyllis here again!

Curt & Deb Miller, 4527 Beaver Avenue 46807, phone-456-4028, came by transfer from the Methodist Church in Elkhart. They have two children, Lindsay and Collin. Welcome!

DON'T MENTION AGE

Our D.M.A. group will be meeting at the church Tuesday, November 27, noon, for a potluck and program. The Hamm's will be showing their slides from Israel and Egypt. Everyone is welcome.

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LADIES....AND....GENTLEMEN

What Is Your Speciality?

On December 9 our Chancel Choir will be presenting a very beautiful Christmas Program at 5:30 p.m.

This year the Worship Committee would like to have a "Tasting Party".

So what is your speciality?

Cakes - Pies - Cookies - Candies - Small Fancy Sandwiches - Meat

Balls Appetizers - whatever your speciality. Please bring plenty to share and plan to spend this special evening with our church family.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Hanging of the Greens
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Costume workers for
Children's musical
7:30 P.M. Teacher's Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck
7:15 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

1:00 P.M. Wednesday Afternoon
Study Group
7:00 P.M. Costume workers for
Children's musical

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:00 P.M. Children's Choir-Angels,
Lambs, Ladybugs, & Fire-
flies
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Nov. 28-Dec. 4

Mary Sue Ludwig (28)
Ken Perkins (28)
David Pratt (28)
James Clausen (29)
Opal Perkins (29)
Mary Piatt (29)
Bethel Breeden (1)
Cindy Akers (3)
Wayne Phillips (3)
Karen Flickinger (4)
Donna Johnson (4)

HELP NEEDED!!!

Monday, November 26 and Wednesday, November 28 we will be working on costumes for the children's musical. Come any-time after 7:00 p.m. and stay as long as you want. You don't even need to sew to be able to help!

CYF AND CHI RHO

Meet at the church Sunday night, 5:30 p.m., for the Hanging of the Greens. (Who are the Greens, and why are they being hung?)

TEACHER'S MEETING

Children's and youth's Sunday school teachers will meet next Monday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. We will touch base on how things are going, evaluate the Nurture Seals Program and have some training input. Hope you can make it!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 11-18-84

Mr. & Mrs. Cletis Halbrook, Crivitz, WI; Miss Dawn Myers, 936 Farwood Ave.; Mr. John Albright, 1142 W. Packard Ave.; Page Prentice, 1234 West Foster Parkway; Mr. Jon Pettit, 4300 Plaza Drive; Mr. Gregory Ray, 3603 S. Hanna St.; Mrs. Bea Anderson, 16 Park Ridge, Mt. Vernon, IN.

ALL-COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT 7:15 P.M.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was truly delighted with the turn-out Sunday. We had the biggest attendance of the year (except Christmas and Easter) for Stewardship Sunday. Surely you are serious about being the Church! I stand in deep appreciation of your commitment. We'll report the results as soon as they are complete.

Hope you have a great Thanksgiving!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

FOOD FOR THE PANTRY

Canned goods and other non-perishables are still being sought for the pantry. Bring your gifts to be placed in the Chancel this Sunday!

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

Would you like to have your infant dedicated? There will be a brief dedication service as part of morning worship, December 2, 10:45 a.m. Please call the church office if you are interested.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES OFFERED (ADULT & YOUTH)

On Saturday, December 8, a class for youth and a class for adults interested in church membership will be offered 9:00 a.m. - noon, at the church. This class is for those who are interested in joining, those who think they might be, and those who have joined and are interested in learning more about the church. Call the church office to register, please.

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EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS NEEDED!

The Extended Session program, meeting after the Children's sermonette during second service, is a Christian Education program of two classes for age three through grade one. We need persons who are willing to teach in the extended session, for about a month at a time. Would you be willing to do this? Call Mindy Hamm (745-4536) or Don Wiltfong (744-3239). We appreciate your help!

SERVING NOVEMBER 25

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and
Charles Ludwig
10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm-SW, M. Novach-
coff-NW, V. Brown, E. Snouffer
10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen-SW, L.
Finkhousen-NW, B. Kerley-SE, S.
Kerley-NE, M. Hamm, B. Haines, G.
Falbe, M. Callahan

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, S. Creager, C. Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Mary & Chanel Novachcoff
10:45 A.M. Dwain & Kathy Graham

ACOLYTES

Robbie Critell & Eric Krull

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Peggy Buskirk

BUS DRIVER

John Briggs

COMMUNION PREPARATION

W. Westerfield & B. Grimm

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bruce Lehman
10:45 A.M. Eric Zimmerman

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

408 - Mrs. Helen Sheerin

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

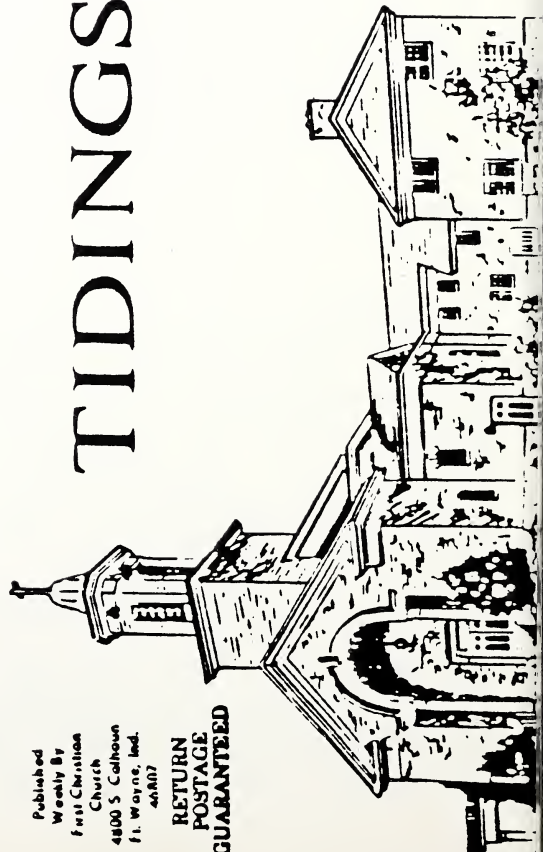
Instant Potatoes, Powdered &
Canned Milk, Canned Meats

TO THE DIACONATE

New schedules for the Diaconate
will soon be made for January -
June. Please contact Eunice Con-
rad (preferably in writing by De-
cember 9) if there are specific
days you will not be able to serve.

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POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

Again this year the Worship Committee is planning to use Poinsettias to decorate the Chancel during the Advent-Christmas Season. We will purchase these plants for approximately \$9.00 each. Any amount may be donated. After December 16, they will be taken to our hospitalized and shut-ins. The donors will be listed in the Tidings. Indicate your desire to participate by calling the church office (744-3239). Donations of any amount should be clearly marked "Poinsettias". Make your checks payable to First Christian Church.

LADIES....AND....GENTLEMEN

What Is Your Speciality?

On December 9 our Chancel Choir will be presenting a very beautiful Christmas Program at 5:30 p.m.

This year the Worship Committee would like to have a "Tasting Party".

So what is your speciality?

Cakes - Pies - Cookies - Candies - Small Fancy Sandwiches - Meat Balls Appetizers - whatever your speciality. Please bring plenty to share and plan to spend this special evening with our church family.

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PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

Would you like to have your infant dedicated? There will be a brief dedication service as part of morning worship, December 2, 10:45 a.m. Please call the church office if you are interested.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Costume Workers for Children's Musical
7:15 P.M. Long Range Planning Comm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 P.M. Costume Workers for Children's Musical

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

10:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Gwynth Rice's, 7001 Premiere, Potluck Luncheon
5:00 P.M. Children's Choir-Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs & Fireflies
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER December 5-11

Mildred Arruza (6)
Ethel Richhart (6)
Phillip Bozarth (6)
Brenda Proegler (7)
Sue Kerley (7)
Lois Coleman (8)
Clifton Bouman (9)
Sandra Elser (9)
Wayne Johnson (9)
Rosemary Day (10)
Bill Franklin (10)
Ruth O'Laughlin (10)
Rolland Ripple (11)
Laura Sauerwein (11)
Mabel Shinn (11)

DIACONATE HOUSE MEETING - EAST

Will be at Gini Brown's, 4810 Tillman Road on Saturday, December 1 at 10:30 a.m.

CHI RHO and CYF

This Sunday we have normal meetings - as normal as they get - at 5:30 p.m. December 9 is the choir program. December 16 is caroling, and we will not meet December 23. The CYF will be collecting food for the food bank at the Scott's store on Decatur Rd. Saturday.

Do you need help with house cleaning? Call Betty Briggs-478-1012. \$4.00 an hour.

Fellowship Bible Church will be in our facility this Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with a Bazaar to benefit their women's group.

DICK'S CLASS IS HAVING A CHRISTMAS PARTY

Where? Curt & Deb Millers, 4527 Beaver Ave.-456-4028(RSVP)
When? Saturday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.

Bring a hot or cold snack to share.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
11-25-84

Mr. & Mrs. William Gast, 3676 Kendall Ave., Cincinnati, OH;
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Stringfellow, Detroit, MI; Miss Wandah Nations, Shepherdsville, KY; Mrs. Sarah Sells, 5732 Tomahawk Tr.; Mrs. Al Scarberry, 5615 S. Webster.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 7:15 P.M.

BOARD MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 7:30 P.M.

POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

*In Memory of Linda Kirtley, our daughter, by Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward;
In Memory of Dorothy Jones & Jack Gerrard, by Jack & Bette Jones;*

GIFTS FROM:

Kathryn Cullen; Mary Cook, Pearl Heidecker, Miriam Bixenman, Peg Buskirk, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Miller, Family of Clover H. Branstrator.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Chancel Choir invites the congregation and families and friends to this Festival Sunday afternoon, December 9, at 5:30 p.m. in celebration of the nativity of our Lord. The service will be preceded by a twenty minute prelude of the beautiful music of Christmas played by our own Sam Smith, cellist with the Ft. Wayne Philharmonic.

The service of Nine Lessons and Carols originated in England toward the end of the last century. In 1918 it was simplified for use in Kings College Chapel, Cambridge, and since then has become a beloved tradition in America as well as in England.

NOTICE

Due to the fact that the church building is heated by zones, it is important that doors be left closed in the building. This is especially true of the fellowship hall, the sanctuary, and the conference room. If doors are left open, rooms heat unevenly and much energy is wasted. Thanks for your help.

EVANGELISM CALLER SIGN UP SHEET

A sign-up sheet for those willing to make calls is located on the bulletin board to the right as you enter the parking lot door. Your help is appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES OFFERED (ADULT & YOUTH)

On Saturday, December 8, a class for youth and a class for adults interested in church membership will be offered 9:00 a.m. - noon, at the church. This class is for those who are interested in joining, those who think they might be, and those who have joined and are interested in learning more about the church. Call the church office to register.

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SERVING DECEMBER 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York and
Mark Snyder
10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hahn-SW, L. Johnson-NW, W. Johnson, V. Brown
10:45 A.M. K. Place-SW, E. Place-NW, E. Conrad-SE, W. Bowen,
W. Westerfield, E. Klepfer, T. Creager

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, J. Jones, C. Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Paul & Ruth Yentes
10:45 A.M. David & Ellyn Kreischer

ACOLYTES

Dennis Hendrickson
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

BUS DRIVER

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

C. Olson - E. Klepfer
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L. York - B. Grimm
B. Franklin - B. Kerley

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Jane Hahn
10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman

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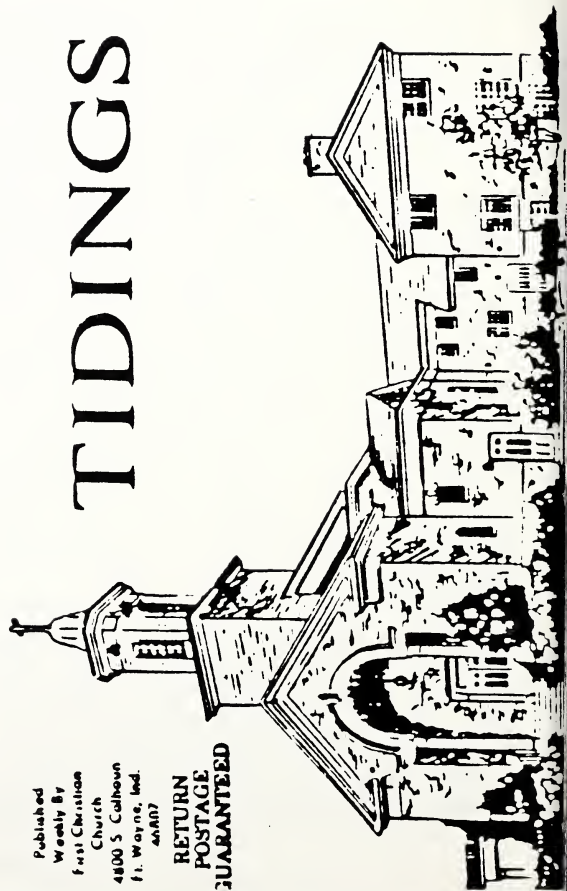
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FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The congregation, families, friends, and neighbors are invited to enjoy the beauty of the prophecies and of the story of the birth of our Lord as told in the Old and New Testaments and in joyous and tender carols on Sunday evening, December 9, at 5:30 p.m. It will be preceded by a prelude of carols played by Sam Smith, cellist, and followed by a Christmas "tasting party" in the lounge. Come and celebrate! Babysitting will be provided. An offering will be taken.

ANGELS, LAMBS, LADYBUGS, AND FIREFLIES MUSICAL FANTASY

The congregation, families, and friends are invited to a delightful Christmas musical fantasy, Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, and Fireflies, to be presented by the children of First Christian and West Creighton Christian churches on Sunday, December 23 at 5:00 p.m. at West Creighton and on Monday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m. at First Christian.

The musical is beautifully appropriate for the Christmas Eve early service because it tells the story of the lambs who heard the angels sing, and who spread the word of Jesus' birth by way of insects and birds. The children invite you to come and celebrate this Christmas with them.

NOTE: See page 3 on the notice of the robbery at the church!

SERVING DECEMBER 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York and
Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Dick Vanderwall

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Novachcoff-SW,
J. Briggs, B. Briggs
10:45 A.M. J. Ohneck-SW, S.
Knuckles-NW, E. Zimmerman-SE, R.
Mowery-NE, M. Mullen, M. Crouse,
R. Krull, S. Schell

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, K. Mory, K. Taylor

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Bill & Hazel Crouse
10:45 A.M. Mary Mullins/Mabel
Watson

ACOLYTES

Denay & Jackie Ohneck

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mike & Pat Mullen

BUS DRIVER

Betty Briggs

COMMUNION PREPARATION

J. Ohneck & J. Hahn

COUNTERS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

M. Grimm & S. Hayes

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. Kris Ohneck

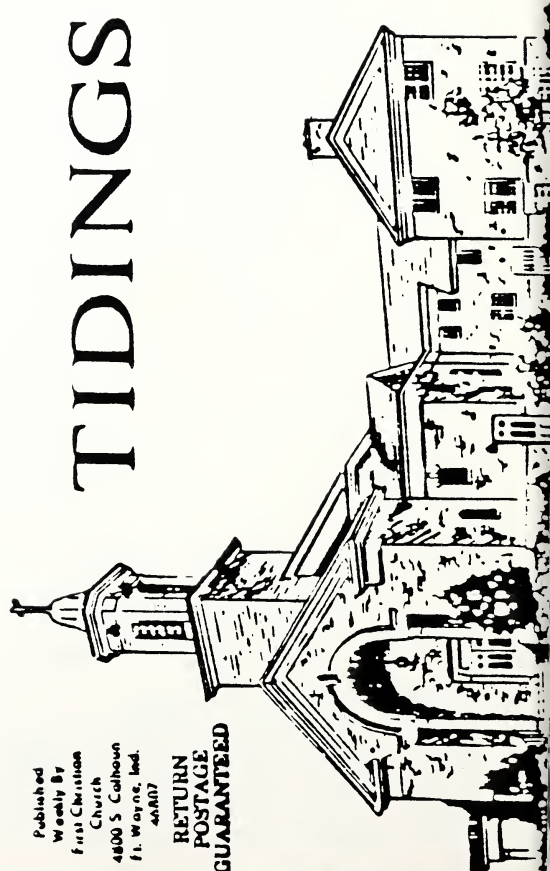
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ANGELS, LAMBS, LADYBUGS, AND FIREFLIES

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There are some 47 children in the cast of lambs, butterflies, grasshoppers, ladybugs, fireflies, and all kinds of birds who visit Mary, and Joseph, and the Christ-Child.

We hope this delightful fantasy will bring you joy this Christmas.

SOCK, MITTEN, & HAT TREE

Again this year there will be a tree in the Fellowship Hall that needs decorations of warm socks, mittens, and hats. These items will be sent to the Christian Children's Home in Cleveland. Please help us to decorate it. There are many of these children who have none of these items.

DON'T MENTION AGE TO TOUR CHANNELS 15 & 33

Everyone is invited to join for a potluck at noon, Tuesday, December 18. Afterwards, we'll take the bus, divide into two groups, and tour the studios of Channels 15 & 33. All ages welcome!

THIS SUNDAY - "Christ As Seen By Luke: Universal Savior"

TEXT - Luke 4:16-20

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

12:00 NOON Progressive Class
Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:00 P.M. All Church Caroling
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Costume workers for
Children's Musical

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck
7:00 P.M. Diaconate-North House
Meeting at Jane Hahn's,
509 Villa Park Court
7:00 P.M. Diaconate-S.W. House
Meeting at Mike Calla-
han's, 3640 Elmhurst Dr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

1:00 P.M. Wednesday Afternoon
Study Group
7:00 P.M. Costume workers for
Children's Musical
7:30 P.M. Sarah Group at the church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:30 P.M. Dress Rehearsal for
Children's Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

12-9-84

The D.M. Kreischer Family, 2229
Power Dam, Defiance, OH; James
Moland, 1000 S. 350 E, Marion, IN;
Mr. C.T. "Skip" Miller, Stophlet
St.; Miss Kelly Heberling, R.R. 8,
Box 267 B, Warsaw, IN; Mr. & Mrs.
Greg Akresch, 4038 Tacoma Ave.;
Miss Robin Dollarhide, 3540 Elm-
hurst Drive.

YOUTH NEWS....

There will be no youth group
meetings, either CYF or Chi
Rho, until January. HOWEVER:
All youth are invited to par-
ticipate in All Church Carol-
ing, December 16 at 5:00 p.m.

CYF will resume January 6.
Chi Rho needs to watch out for
the lock-in on January 4 and 5!

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will
have a Christmas Party on Sat-
urday, December 15 at 12:00 at
the church. This will be a
potluck - all members and
friends welcome! There will
be a gift exchange between
\$2.00-\$3.00.

LOST & FOUND BOX IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please check the lost & found
box located in fellowship hall
near the bulletin board for
any lost items. Thank you.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER December 19-25

Cindy Ebetino (19)
Albert Farrow (19)
Tim Knuckles (19)
John Morris (20)
Diana Blomeke (20)
Dick Hamm (21)
Archie Hendrick (22)
Elaine Feaser (22)
Diana Duly (23)
Rodger Hendrickson (23)
William Crouse (24)
Michael O'Laughlin (24)
Mark Williams (24)
Hortense Stevenson (24)
Don Wiltfong (24)
Susan Watson (25)
Suzette Lowenstein (25)
Jeanne Norman (25)

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

So many good things are happening, I don't know where to begin!

First, although there are a few pledges yet to be returned (due to illness or travel, ect.), assuming those folks do at least what they did last year, we have subscribed the budget! We had a real challenge this year (\$183,000, or 14%), and we have met it. This is a truly committed congregation. Thank you for your faith and vision!

Second, the Choir's "Nine Lessons" was absolutely magnificent. We are truly blessed with a great choir and great leadership. Thank you Helen, Jerry, and singers!

Third, our attendance is excellent. For the year, we will average about 255 per Sunday in worship. That's a real increase.

Thank you and thank God for His continuous blessing of this congregation. I'm just thankful to be here.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

THE MEANING OF PRAYER

Prayer is a privilege; like friendship and family, love and laughter, great books, great music, and great art it is one of life's opportunities to be grasped thankfully and used gladly.

THANKS

Thanks to Dave Arnos for contributing a partition in the north organ chamber (assisted by Vince Wells and Jerry Zimmerman).

Also, thanks to Mike Mullen and Dick Vanderwall for installing a door bell for us.

POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

In Memory of Arthur Mowery, by Mrs. Ruby Mowery, & Mr. & Mrs. Al Crea-ger & family.

In Memory of Herbert S. Wright, by Dave & Ellyn Kreischer (Ellyn's father)

In Memory of Marge Lehman, by Bill, Bruce, & Mark Lehman.

In Memory of Rilla Wilson Kellogg (sister), and Fred & Muriel Wilson, (parents), by Carol Funkhouser.

GIFTS FROM:

Mary Wilhelm.

SERVING DECEMBER 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Chip Olson and
Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, E.
Conrad-NW, M. Hutchinson, B.
Grimm

10:45 A.M. M. Hamm-SW, B. Haines-
NW, M. Callahan-SE, G. Falbe-NE,
L. Finkhousen, M. Finkhousen, S.
Kerley, B. Kerley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, K. Tobias, C. Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Marlene Crouse

10:45 A.M. Joseph & Phyllis Fitch

ACOLYTES

Jennifer Byers & David Hamm

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

John & Kristy Ohneck

BUS DRIVER

John Briggs

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L. York - L. Finkhousen

M. Hartman - J. Hendricks

C. Ludwig - M. Callahan

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J. Kelly & P. Tobias

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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10:45 A.M. Al Creager

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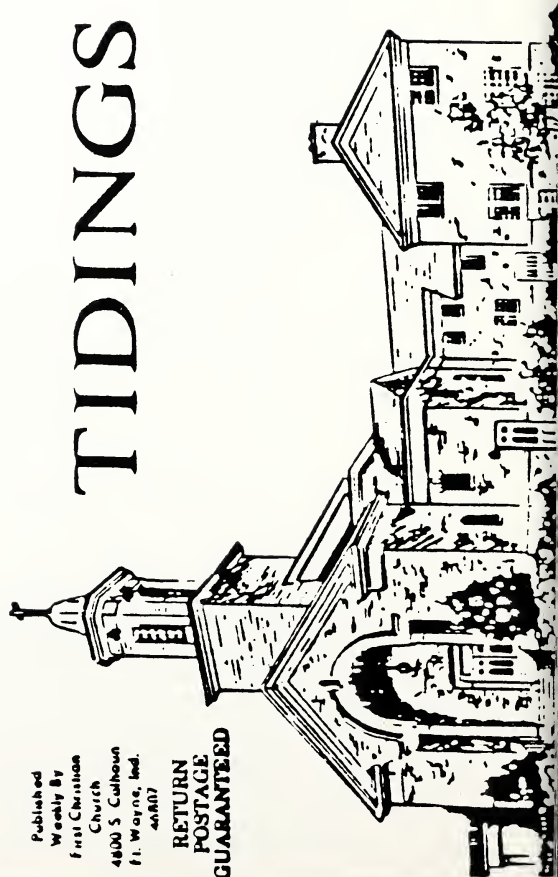
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ANGELS, LAMBS, LADYBUGS, AND FIREFLIES

Did you ever wonder how word of Jesus' birth spread in a land without newspapers, radio, television, or telephones?

Let the children tell you, on Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m.! But we will give you a hint! Four little lambs heard the Angels sing, and struck up a conversation with a couple of butterflies and grasshoppers, who ran into a group of fireflies who flew after the birds.....Nuts! We are giving it away!

Come and enjoy the loving spirit of the children as they sing and dance and tell the story. They may even let you sing a carol or two!

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ATTENTION PARENTS

All parents with children who participate in the extended session program, please note that this Sunday, Christmas Sunday, has been designated as a family service. The Christian Education Committee believes that children can benefit from sharing in a full worship service with their families on special occasions. Please prepare your children ahead of time and plan to worship together as a family this week. There will be no extended session class for K-1st grades. Supervision will be provided after the sermonette in their usual classroom for those 3 & 4 year old children who may require it.

BACE CLASS FOR LENT

Dick and Don will be offering two Basic Adult Christian Education classes in the upcoming weeks. Dick will be teaching a mid-week Introduction to the Old Testament. Watch for more details in the next few weeks. Don will begin a twelve week Introduction to the New Testament during the Sunday School hour beginning January 13. The useful text book (each individual or couple will need one) is \$9.95. You can sign up for the class and reserve a text by contacting the church office or Don.

THIS SUNDAY:

"CHRIST AS SEEN BY JOHN: THE WORD BECAME FLESH"

Text: John 1:1-5

NOTICE

There will not be a Tidings publication next week, due to the Holidays!

SERVING DECEMBER 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Dick Vanderwall
 10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and Pat Mullen
 DIACONATE & GREETERS
 8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, J. Kelly-NW, J. Hahn, S. Knuckles
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 COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
 Betty & Julie Briggs
 BUS DRIVER
 Bruce Lehman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

J. Kelly & P. Tobias
 LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Myers
 10:45 A.M. Eric Zimmerman

DEADLINE FOR 1984 RECORDED GIVING

The books will close on Monday, December 31 at 12:00 noon. In order to get credit, all monies must be received by this time.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double Class invites everyone to fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. Sunday for a film, "Christmas In Germany".

Dick's Sunday School Class will meet in the east end of the parlor Sunday!

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Bob Petty, whose father died last week.

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

490 - Helen Reynolds
 615 - Dave Kreischer

SERVING DECEMBER 30

8:15 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and Judy Church
 10:45 A.M. Sam Hayes & Al Creager
 DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, B. Briggs, D. Harter
 10:45 A.M. S. Schell-SW, R. Krull-NW, M. Crouse-SE, M. Mullen-NE, R. Mowery, E. Zimmerman, J. Ohneck, S. Knuckles
 USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer, D. Pomeroy
 10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, J. Jones, C. Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Brenda & John Kelly
 10:45 A.M. Al & Scott Creager

ACOLYTES

Jimmy Davis & Steve Mullen
 COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
 Laura York & Opal Carper
 BUS DRIVER
 Betty Briggs

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

L. York - J. Hahn
 D. Vanderwall - G. Falbe
 A. Creager - M. Finkhousen
 Jt. Weicker - P. Tobias
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8:15 A.M. John Myers
 10:45 A.M. Shannon Jones

COUNTERS FOR JANUARY

Mike Callahan & Mike Mullen

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER December 26-January 9

Carolyn Falbe (26)
 Elizabeth Dull (26)
 Michele Reeves (27)
 John Mathis (28)
 Steven Powell (28)
 Sarah Smith (28)
 Jack Bickel (29)
 Kathryn Lee (29)
 Lucile Branstrator (29)
 Celestia Walters (29)
 Anita Shirer (31)
 Saleum Manachank (1)
 Al Creager (2)
 Linda Hayes (2) Milas Driver (6)
 Marvin Roseberry (3) Eva Rousseau (6)
 Scott Johnson (3) Sara Mullen (6)
 Velma Hechler (4) Ken Taylor (7)
 Patricia Campbell (4) Jim Heiney (8)
 Ardith Whisk (4) Bill Schilling, Jr.
 Linda Wiley (4) Mike Callahan (8)
 Bill Caldwell (5) Julius Clausen (9)

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Well, it's been a great Advent indeed, to be climaxed no doubt with our Christmas Eve services. I surely hope you can make one or both.

Advent is my favorite liturgical season. It celebrates, after all, the fact that God has acted in history, is acting in history, and will continue to act in history for the redemption of his people. That is the most important fact in the world.... that God so loves the world, that He has come and will continue to come into our midst. Joy to the world, indeed! I hope your own preparation for Christmas has made you able to experience the joy and wonder of this most important fact.

May your Christmas day be blessed!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

When the wise men came looking for a newborn king they naturally came to the palace. But Herod had long ago given up on having more children. So, if a king had been born, someone else's son, somewhere out there was a future threat! "Find him and tell me where he is so I can give him what he deserves", the cunning Herod asked the wise men, who obviously didn't know what was going on, in spite of their wisdom.

Jesus just wasn't what people expected.

Maybe he still isn't for some of us.

We want to come to a manger and see God soft and pink and pliable. Or a prodigy who makes stone pigeons live with the clap of his tiny hands, capable of miraculously sweeping life's pain and responsibilities away. We fail to see that the star that shown over him is harshly cross-shaped, or that the stall of his birth smells of gung.

God's son came to us in our need and in our man-made mess, neither pliable nor magical. And through him God has judged yet forgiven us.

Maybe the Christ of Christmas really isn't who we expect. Maybe it's who we need.

(Matthew 2:1-12)

Don

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR CONGREGATION:

William & Virginia Johnson; Gwynth A. Rice; Don Parlette Family; Jackie Keller, Art & Florence Huddleston; Henry Flowers; John & Kris Ohneck, Rob, Jackie, Denay & Tracy; Fern Kenline; Beulah Timmons; Earl & Reba Fusselman; Mary Wilhelm; Fred & Rychie Smell; Bill & Hazel Crouse; Carl & Mildred Linn; Charline Craig; Gene & Polly Auer; Grace Truby; Mr. & Mrs. Steve Doles; Jack & Janet Weicker; Mary Cook; Troy & Evelyn Yeoman; Harold & Colyn Crowder; Rev. & Mrs. Ziegler; The Bill Schilling Family; Mary Lou Hartzler; Miriam Bixerman; Peg Buskirk; Bob, Bev, & Alex Hendricks; Leland & Mary Higgins; August Mueller; Dorothy Schmidt; Jack & Bette Jones; Mr. & Mrs. Myron Cole; Carole Overmyer; Glenn & Lola Miller; Andy Cook; Delores Keebortz; Jerry, Sandy, Eric & Mark Zimmerman; Tom, Laura, & Tony York; Cheryl Laymon; Andy, Jenni, & Jill Benny; Ben, Val, & Larry Taylor; and Anna Taylor.

POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

In Memory of Cappie Eckert, by Jody & Kirby Brown.

GIFTS FROM:

Jackie Keller.

THE MEANING OF PRAYER

Failure to cultivate our power of prayer goes back in many to childish ideas of prayers' meaning - childish supplications to a divine Santa Claus. Maturity means a deepening understanding, thankfulness, acceptance, joy and reliance.

CHURCH CALENDAR
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22
 5:00 P.M. Dress Rehearsal at West
 Creighton for Children's
 Musical

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23
 8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Church School
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 5:00 P.M. Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs,
 and Fireflies at West Creighton
 7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
 OFFICE CLOSED
 6:30 P.M. Family Worship
 11:00 P.M. Candlelight Worship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25
 OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27
 12:30 P.M. Children's Choir to Byron
 Health Center

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30
 8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Church School
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
 7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31
 OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3
 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

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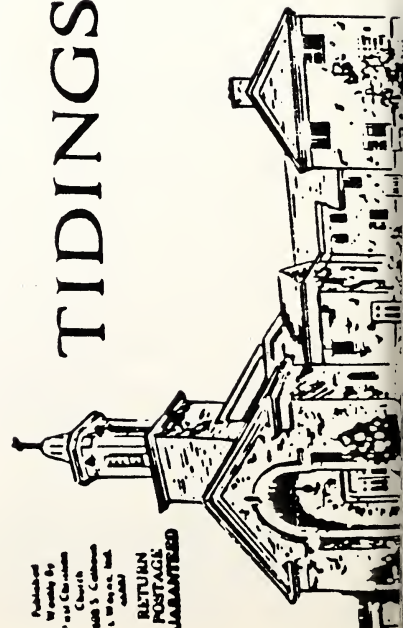
AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 12-16-84
 Earl & Lelia Linker, Colon, MI; Mrs.
 J.H. Mennewisch, 1610 Northlawn Dr.;
 Mrs. Helen Wade, 2233 Versailles Vil.
 Pl.; Mr. Eric Rieke, Auburn, IN; Miss
 Kathlene Keller, Bloomington, IN; Mr.
 & Mrs. L.W. Strickland, 1331 Woodmoor.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:
 Instant Potatoes, Powdered Milk, Canned
 Milk, Canned Meats

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